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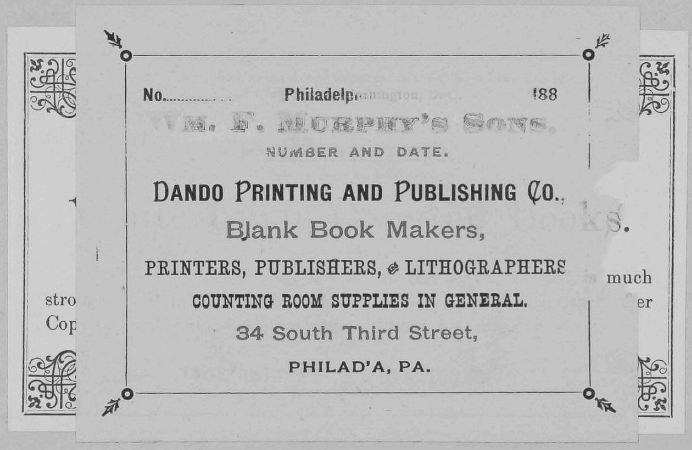

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7: January 7

Sir;

Mrs Frances E. Lanigan, Adjuster, having resigned, her name will be dropped from the rolls after this day

Very respectfully

Supervisor

Hon: James D. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Jan 7

6124	Handy Harman	19.75.	65
6125	Comm. Nat'l Bank N.Y.	1.39.	63
6126	Do N.Y.	9.250.	74
6127	Zimmerman & Forshay	1.510.	08

for payment for Silver Bullion

Asst Cashier

New York

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Co. Acqs. bal.
Dec 31st 06

115.928.00
115.755.71
116.739.63

1.0085

All bills paid during current Quarter.

(Copy) January 5th 7

Sir.

In reply to the request of the Director of the Mint, under date of January 3, 1887. in regard to Assay balances, I respectfully report as follows.

1. Balances in use.

No 1. Becker balance; purchased August 5th 1868. Present use Silver Assay, Ingots & purchases. Is in excellent order.

No 2. Becker balance; purchased Dec 11th 1867. In use for Silver Assay, Ingots chiefly; not in the very best order; has been twice adjusted.

No. 3. Becker balance; purchased March 2nd 1868. Present use, Gold Assaying, (for base metal) occasionally used

for Silver purchases; is in very good order for this line of work.

No. 4. Becker balance. Purchased Dec. 28th 1876; daily use in Gold deposit assaying. (also for gold ingots) Is in very fair condition, though not quite as sensitive as I could wish. This scale should be used as a Silver balance, and a new one substituted.

No. 5. Becker balance; purchased Septr. 17th 1879; daily use in Gold Assaying. This balance is in fine condition.

No. 6. Troemner balance, purchased Dec. 15th 1882; use, Miscellaneous work, Gold & Silver, is in very good order, but rather slow.

2. Balances not in use.

1. One Curting, purchased in March

1858. Used for Gold assaying until 1865. when it had lost much of its sensitiveness; then used for Silver assaying for two or three years; discontinued to be used after 1865.

2. One Oertling scale was purchased in March 1853, and one in October 1853. The first was used for Gold assaying until 1865. The second was used for base-metal assays, (Gold deposits) until 1868; - never used very much for fine work. Both exchanged in 1874. for an analytical scale (Becker) now in use and in very fine condition.

The Becker Assay balances are all of the same size, viz: length of beam, 9 inches. Troemner scale measures 10 inches; also the Oertling.

We have no balance at present, kept in reserve as a standard or test balance; but should have one for fine work.

very Respectfully,

(Signed) Jacob. B. Eckfeldt,

Assayer.

Hon. Daniel M Fox,

Superintendent.

Jan'y 7

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will send me for the use of our Adjuster of Scales and Weights, the following weights to wit:—

One - one hundredth ($\frac{1}{100}$) of an ounce, and Five (5)'s from one - hundredth ($\frac{1}{100}$) of a grain to five hundredths ($\frac{5}{100}$) of a grain, or one of each, to wit aggregating 6 weights in all.

Need I say I am informed that these can be obtained from the Department of Weights and Measures

Very respectfully

L. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

January 7th 7.

Sir.

In return for the California $20. gold piece enclosed in your letter of the 6th inst., ("D." "G. S. M") for a/c First National Bank, Pine Bluff, Ark, I herewith send you, by registered mail, a $20. gold piece of our own coinage. Please acknowledge its receipt.

I am not authorized to draw checks on the Treasurer, U. S.

Very Respectfully,

A. McFie

Sup't.

Hon. W. L. Trenholm,
Comptroller of the Currency,
Washington, D. C.

(86-A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jan 8th 1887.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No. 6128 favor J. W. Seligman & Co. for $ 50.559.79

6129 " Fourth Natl Bank. N.Y. " $ 11.597.05

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

Mint Clerk.

[W.] 7-28-86 1500

Jan 8th 7

Sir,

The following telegrams sent you this day, are hereby made official. viz:

1.) "Seligman & Co. have shipped twenty nine hundred ounces of Silver over and above their last Contract - Is there any objection to my acceptance of Surplus as desired by them? Answer!

2.) "Seligman & Co. have delivered twenty nine hundred (2.900) ounces over and above the One hundred thousand Ounces purchased - Shall we receive that Surplus at the same rate? answer!

Very respectfully,

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Jan 8th 7

Sir;

Referring to my telegrams of today relative to Seligmans Contract of Silver, I desire to explain that this Firm is in the habit of delivering their Silver from ten to three thousand ounces above or below their Contracts, and I thought it best before receiving the Surplus of 2.900 ounces, to submit the matter for the decision of the Department, and in obedience to your telegram received a moment ago, I have accepted the 2900 ounces additional - I would be very glad if instructions could be given by the Bureau to this Firm, to deliver up to the full amount sold, as the Shipment of surpluses or the failure to fill the Contracts often leads to delays in making returns and also to confusion - Your telegram just received authorizes me to receive 29.000 ounces additional, these figures of course being a clerical inadvertance.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

F.H.G

Jany 8th 7

Sir;

I have the honor to forward you by to-days mail, my ordinary Refineiy; Standard Silver Dollar Coinage & Standard Silver Dollar Storage accounts for the Month of December 1886.

I am

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jos. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

8 January 7

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Sect: 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that in the commission of the Doctor herein enclosed I have appointed Miss Mary A. McCullough Temporary Principle in this Mint @ $1 75 per diem - vice Miss Frances E. Lanigan resigned - to take effect from date. I would like to receive the same for your approval

Respectfully

[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Knox
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

10: January 7

Sir:

Herewith I enclose memo: No. 50 — in duplicate — of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 13 received from your office on the 7th inst., as per letter of advice and memo. of 31st Dec.

Very respectfully

Your obt

Superintendent

N. F. Wild Esqr.

Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office

Boise City

Idaho

10 January 7

Sir;

I have the honor to endorse mem. No. 50 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office Boise City to be transfered to the Redemption Fund of this Mint

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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6130	Zimmermann & Forshay	8.066.36
6131	Handy & Harman	14.813.07

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869.210.457

Jas R. Kimball

January 10th 7.

Sir,

I herewith transmit C/D. of this date No. 1124, from the Asst Treas. U. S. in this city, in the name of J. J. Cocke, Coll. of Customs, Brownsville, Texas, for $24 74/100, on account of duties on imports, being the net proceeds of $25. in light gold coin delivered to you by Hugh. S. Thompson, Esq. Asst Secy of the Treasury, Dec. 21. 1886. and by you forwarded to me the same day by registered mail.

Very Respectfully,

Asst.

Hon. C. N. Jordan,
Treasurer, U. S.
Washington, D. C.

10 January 1887

Sir

I have the honor to submit the following reports of the Coins for the fourth Quarter ending 31st December 1886.

Gold Proof Coin

Silver " "

Fine Gold Medals of a National Character

Fine Silver " " " " "

Copper bronze " " " " "

Gold and Silver Bullion used in the manufacture of National and other Medals &c

Copper used in the manufacture of bronzed medals

Very respectfully

Your obt Svt

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(8f—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

January 11th, 1887.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 6132, favor Handy & Harman, for $75.924.55

" 6133, " J. H. Bellman & Co. " $114.348.20

" 6134, " Fourth Nat'l Bank, N. Y. " $7.484.16

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

(Ed. 3-28-85. 1000)

Philada Pa.
Jany 11th

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Dec 31st 1886

535.120.97/100 with exceptions noted below. *

* Balance as per your Statement		* 535.120.97
D. D. my records Dec 31st		398.779.01
Difference accounted for by the following Checks drawn 30th & 31st		* 136.341.96
Dec 30 No. 6113	* 416.170.27	
" " " 6114	5.284.21	
" 31 " 6115	49.624.62	
" " " 6116	19.891.21	
" " " 6117	2.934.15	
" " " 6118	12.447.50	
Total	136.341.96	as above.

Supt. U. D. Trust.

Daily 11th 7

Handy Harman

New York

Dec 31st 6

130.850.35

130.657.21

1.0085 131.767.80

All delivered during current Quarter.

Daily 11th 7

Jno. Seligman & Co

New York

Daily 7th 7

102.786.40

102.662.00

1.0140 104.099.27

daily 11#

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J.W. Seligman & Co

New York

daily #:

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60.299.20

60.206.66

1.01

60.808.72

Jan 11th 7

Sir.

I have to day received through your office the following remittance for mine-sweepings for account of the parties named.

C. L. Stearns & Bro, Garden Grove, Iowa. $40.

I have also notified the parties interested

Respectfully
Will A. Hall
Lieut.

To
James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

11 January 7

Sir,

Daniel A. Kelly, Roller in the Coiners Department having resigned, his name will be struck off the Rolls after the 10th inst.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11 January 7

Sir,

At 12 o'clock, noon to day in pursuance of the public advertisement I opened, in presence of the bidders the proposals received to supply this Mint with 20.000 lbs., more or less of 5 & copper-nickel blanks, which were as follows:- viz.

1 Benedict & Burnham Manuf. Co. @ 37 9/10 pfd.
2 Jas. S. Hutson & Son " 38 " "
3 Joseph Wharton " 41 40/100 " "

The proposal of The Benedict and Burnham Manufacturing Co: being the lowest and they being experienced and responsible manufacturers, I have accepted their proposal, subject to your approval: 20.000 lbs of 5 & blanks will

make 5 ℔ blanks will make 5 ℔ Coins to the amount of $90.720 $\frac{55}{100}$ which will fall far short of our requirements. In consultation with the Coiner and my Cashier, I find after careful Calculation, that we will need fully 50.000 lbs. of 5 ℔ blanks under this proposal and I respectfully request authority to enlarge the amount from 20.000 to 50.000 lbs accordingly

Very respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

12 January 7

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Statement of ounces of Bullion operated on in the Refinery, with attendant expenses, for August 1886

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 12th 7

Sir,

Please draw a Transfer Order for the sum of ($50.000.-) Fifty Thousand Dollars in further Reimburse. ment for Silver Coins received for Coinage.

Very Respectfully,

Supt

Hon. G. N. Jordan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington. D. C.

12: Jany 7

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a box said to contain coins, reserved at your Mint during the fourth quarter of 1886 - for annual Assay

Respectfully

D Wm Ford

Superintendent

Hon: Israel Lawton
Superintendent U. S. Mail
New Orleans
La

12 Janᵛ 7

Sir,

The box containing the Reverse dies returned from the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, came in a Condition here, exceedingly hazardous.

You will observe by a Copy of a letter herewith enclosed - of Mr Charles E Barber, our Engraver in whose care the box and contents are placed - that the box has received some exceedingly hard usage. The screws drawn down, made of inch board and bound with iron straps, and yet it was so broken that the dies obtruded and anybody could have picked them up and might have made it very embarrassing to us all.

I do not like to criticize either those charged with its shipment or the mail service through which it came, but it certainly ought not to pass by without special notice.

Fortunately however Mr Barber reports that all the dies, as reported by the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, in a letter of the 4th inst, were found, but there was nothing to prevent even by upsetting, the dies to drop out.

I respectfully submit the same for your consideration.

Respectfully

Robt M Hoe

Superintendent

W. T. Harrity Esq
Postmaster

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

Engravers Department,

(Copy) 19th January 1887.

Sir,

I have examined the box containing the reverse dies returned from the Mint of the United States at San Francisco and find all the dies as reported by Superintendent of said Mint in letter of 4th inst. I beg leave to say, from the condition in which this box arrived it is very evident the parties through whose hands this box has passed did not appreciate the value of the contents, as if by the rough handling it had received, any of these dies should get into the hands of improper persons it might cause an endless amount of trouble, and

this might easily occur as the box was in such a dilapidated condition the dies could roll out or be taken out as they were exposed, This is not the first time dies have arrived in this condition. I therefore think it time to call attention to this matter,

I would also say the end of the box has the appearance of having been struck with a heavy hammer.

Very respectfully

(Signed) Chas, E. Barber

Engraver

Hon. Daniel M. Fox

Superintendent

13: January 7

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose the oath of office of Mrs. Mary J. McCullough recently appointed Temporary Adjuster in the Coin's Department of this Mint

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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June 13th 7

6135	Handy & Harman	13.026.91
6136	Zimmermann & Forshay	46.597.56
6137	Fr. H. Schiffmann & Co.	31.777.79

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Handy Harman

New York
Jany 7th 7

40.299.00
39.373.81
39.925.04

1.0140

Jany 13th 1887

Zimmermann Forshay

New York

Dec 31st 1886

20.399.22

19.644.02

1.0085 19.811.00

All delivered during the present Quarter.

13 January 7

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the following statement of the month and year ending 31 Dec: 1886:-

Deposits & Purchases of Gold & Silver Bullion;
Gold & Silver of Domestic Production Deposited, &
Gold & Silver Bars manufactured:

also

Coinage & Shipment of Bars manufactured
for October 1886

Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
Superintendent

Hon: James H. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Jany 13th

Jas. P. Kimball

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

January 14th 1887.

Sir

I draw this day check—

6138	Handy & Harman	for $	30.825.71
6139	D.H. Seligman & Co	" $	15.112.89
6140	South Nat'l Bank. N.Y.	" $	7.646.14
		" $	
		" $	
		" $	

in repayment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Chief Clerk

Register of the Treasury

Washington D.C.

New York

Appointment of
Asst. U.S. Treas'r

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Asst Treas U.S.

Baltimore, Md.

6000. no.

1000.—

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6000.

Treas U.S.

Thos J. Wilson

January 15th 7

Sir,

I have today received your letter of the 14th inst. endorsing Secretary Mannings check for eight dollars in payment for certain medals recently shipped to him from the Mint by request of his son.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

15 January 7

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Sect. 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner I have ordered, I have transferred William H. Gallup, Melter, in the Melters & Refiners Department to Roller in the Coiner's Department at $2.00 per diem — vice Daniel O'Reilly, resigned — to take effect from the date he assumes his new position, and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

A. L. Ellis

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

July 17th, 1887.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No. 6141 favor Fourth Nat'l Bank, N.Y. for $ 7.354.29

6142 " Zimmermann & Forshay " $ 28.708.54

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Dollars.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

[ED. 1-28-87. 1000]

Jan 17th 7

Fourth Natl Bank.

New York

Jan 28th 6

50.290.66

50.199.83

$1.= 50.199.83

All delivered during present Quarter.

Mint

Dany 17th 7

Sir,

In reply to your favor of 15th inst, stating that the First Comptroller of the Treasury, requires a Statement of Disbursements of the Ordinary & other Expenditures, other than Vouchers reported for the Month of December; I have the honor to enclose herewith, Copies of my Abstracts of Disbursements on account of Ordinary Refinery, Standard Dollar Storage and Standard Dollar Coinage Expenses, from Janry 3d to 15th 18 inclusive.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

Jany 17th

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Swamp 749.497.99
12.205.710
Swamp 12.155.45

Jas P. Kimball

17: January 7

Sir:

In regard to the Engines and Boilers contemplated in the matter of transfer of the steam-plant, I have the honor to report that in accordance with the advertisement approved by you, on Saturday the 15th inst. at noon, I opened sundry proposals for furnishing and constructing in the allotted place engines and boilers as follows to wit:—

Proposal from The Southwark Foundry & Machine Co., stating they were not prepared to bid according to specifications but agreed to furnish on foundations prepared by me at the United States Mint Philadelphia Two (2) Porter-Allen Engines with

a superficial description of the same for the sum of $7700. The description does not accord with the specifications prepared by the architects neither does it contain the required check for $2000 00 payable to the Honorable, the Secretary of the Treasury.

Also one from Robert Wetherill & Co. in exact accordance with the plans and specifications required by us, for the sum of $9350. This bid to include the repair and removal of the old engine No. 2, but they do not include the underpinning of four columns nor do they provide for four dressed granite plinths which are necessary.

also one from The Kensington Engine Works limited proposing to furnish the two engines, foundations, and belt for $7870.- ; repairs to and removal of No. 2 Engine, $1060.-

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and under-pinning four columns and providing four dressed granite plinths $348.- — making a total of $9278.-

There was but one proposal for boilers received, to wit; from the Edgemoor Iron Company proposing to do the work for $14.900.

Accompanying each of the proposals to wit; of the Robert Wetherell & Co; of the Kensington Engine Works, Limited; and the Edgemoor Company, there were deposited with me a certified check of $2000.- payable to the order of the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury.

As the one bid, to wit: that of the Southwark Foundry and Machine Company did not accord with the requisitions, nor were accompanied with the check required, I

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have ruled the same out as not proper for consideration.

The other 3 bids I referred to Mess. Wilson Bothers & Co, the Engineering Architects for consideration, scheduling, and report to me. The report as of same date after intelligent analysis of the details of these bids concludes by recommending the approval of the proposition submitted by The Kensington Engine Company as not only the lowest but also the best; and that the Contract for the Engine be awarded to them: And the proposition for boilers being from the one establishment, to wit. The Edgemoor Iron Co; being also esteemed to be reasonable, is also recommended by the architects for award.

I also transmit all the plans,

Specifications and proposals and a copy of the Architects report for your consideration and approval.

Be good enough to return me the various papers after the exercise of your judgment

Very respectfully

D. H. Hoke

Superintendent

Hon. James H. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Wilson, Brothers & Co.
Civil Engineers & Architects,
No. 435 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 15th 1887.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Supt United States Mint, Philada.

Dear Sir.

In accordance with your request we herewith submit schedule of the Proposals opened by you at noon this day, for Engines and Boilers as per Specifications issued and advertised to be dated Jan. 3rd, 1887.

Boilers.

But one proposal for boilers was received, to: Edw. Page Son & Co. as we

proposed to do the work required for ——— $ 114.900.00

The proposal is accompanied by full plans and specifications and are in accordance with instructions to bidders,

The cost of the work as per their proposal is $100.00 less than our estimate of the same work as per our letter to you of November 15th 1886, we therefore recommend that the contract for Boilers etc. be awarded to the Edge Moor Iron Company.

Engines.

Two proposals in accordance with the advertisement were received for Engines; one from Robert Hetherington & Co Chester, Penna. & one from Kensington Engine Wks. Phila.

These proposals are accompanied by detailed specifications and plans; a comparision of the data contained therein is herewith submitted.

Hon. Dan'l. M Fox, January 15th 1887.

Description, Robt Wetherill & Co. Kensington, Eng, Phila.

Kind of Engine. Horizontal Corliss, Buckeye Automatic.

Economy, lbs of coal required,

per Horse Power per hour - - ——— 3 lbs ——— 3 lbs

Range of Horse Power 75. H.P. 113 H.P. to 187 H.P.

each above that specified, each commercially.

Speed of Engines, rev. per minute	70. ———	92.
Diameter of Cylinders - inches	20. ———	18.
Length of Stroke - -	42. ———	32
Cut-off in parts of stroke - - -	⅓. ———	¼.
Diameter of steam pipe - inches - -	6. ———	6.
Diameter of exhaust - pipe - -	7. ———	7.

Dimensions of Driving Pulley.

Diameter—inches	144	110
Face	32	42
Width of Belt—inches	30	40
Kind of Belt	Best Double.	Best Double.

The specifications under which the proposals were received requires the contractor to repair and erect on new foundations old Engine No. 2

Robert Wetherill & Co. propose to furnish the new engine and repair and move old Engine No. 2 for $9350.00

The Kensington Engine Works divide their bid as follows.

For 2-150 Horse Power Engines, foundations and belt. $7.510.00

Repairs to and removal of No. 2. Engine 1.060.00

Underpinning 4 columns and providing four dressed granite plinths. $348.00

Total of Kensington Engine Works bid $9.278.00. making the Kensington Engine Works bid the lowest.

In answer to a question, the representative of Robert Wetherill & Co. stated, that their proposal did not include the granite plinths under columns. To make a correct comparison of the two proposals and the cost to the United States resulting from the acceptance of either of the bids we should add at least $60.00 to Wetherill's bid to cover the cost of granite plinths, making the comparison as follows.

Robert Wetherill & Co.	$9.410.00
Kensington Engine Works	$9.278.00.

Difference in favor of Kensington Engine Works bid $ 132.00.

The proposal of the Kensington Engine Works is $222.00 less than our estimate submitted to you November 15th 1886. We therefore find that the proposal from the Kensington Engine Works is a fair price, and at the same time the lowest bid.

In order to determine which of the two proposals is the best for your purpose we present the following facts.

1.st. The kind of engines proposed are well known, and the Company submitting the proposals both have excellent reputations.

2.d The economy guaranteed is the same, both proposals, ie; - a consumption

of 3 pounds of coal per horse power per hour; although the Kensington Engine Co. give us an example of higher duty.

There are several points in which the Kensington Co's engines have the advantage over that of the engines proposed by Robt Wetherill & Co.

1st; Robert Wetherill proposes a belt of but 30 inches wide, which in our judgment is not sufficient to transmit the power of the 2 engines when running together. The belt proposed by the Kensington Engine Co. has a width of 40 inches and will consequently transmit at least fifty per cent more power than that proposed by Robert Wetherill.

2nd; The clear space between the

engine and the driving pulley on the jack shaft is in the Kensington engine 4 ft. 5 in. and in the Wetherill engine but 2 ft. 9 in., not sufficient without danger to the engineer to permit of a safe passage to and from the working parts of the engine.

3rd. The clear space between the North wall of the engine-room (which is one of the main walls of the Mint building) and the driving pulley of the engine is in the Kensington engine, 3 feet 6 in. and the same distance to the foundation masonry; while the Wetherill engine gives but six inches between this wall and the driving pulley and the same distance to the foundation masonry.

The arrangement proposed by the Robert Wetherill & Co's plan will require the above mentioned wall to be underpinned for a considerable length, which at best is a hazardous operation and should if possible be avoided. We are therefore of the opinion that the proposal submitted by the Kensington Engine Co. is not only the lowest, but also the best, and we would therefore recommend that the contract

We the
Proposals,
to the a

F.N.T.

Dairy 18th 7.

6143	Zimmermann & Forshay	5.277.01
6144	J.N. Seligman & Co	24.711.38
6145	Handy & Harman	97.979.29

Paris

Paris 18th

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Jno. Seligman & Co.

New York

Jan 11th

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50.156.30

50.075.59

51.177.25

1.0220

Wadsworth Howland & Co

Ch. 705

1/18 7

Zimmermann & Forshay

New York

Daily 11th 7

7 5.5 8 7.63

7 3. 7 6 8. 7 2

7 5. 4 6 5. 40

1.0230

January 18th 7

Sir

I have to day forwarded to you by the Adams Express Co, a sealed package containing 64.48 ounces of chemically pure Silver, prepared by our Assayer for the use of your office.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

R. P. Waring Esqr
Assayer in charge U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

H. W.

January 18th 7

Sir,

In compliance with your request of Dec. 7th 1886 I have to report that the amount of Gold and Silver deposited at this Mint from Montana, during the Calendar year 1886 was as follows, viz:

Gold deposits 6 $\frac{353}{1000}$ Std ounces. Silver $\frac{20}{100}$ Std ounces extracted from the Gold.

We have no knowledge of the Post Office address of the Depositors. There were two Gold deposits, one by Express, from Canada. The other made by a man named Dixon, whose address is unknown to us.

Very Respectfully,

N. W. Hoxie

Supt.

Shrudie Braden Esq.

Assayer in charge

U. S. Assay Office

Helena. Mont.

W. A. to Supt

16 Jan'y 7

Sir

In Compliance with your direction of the 12th inst., I have to report the following, as the amount of deposits at this Mint, from the respective States named, during the calendar year 1886; viz:—

North Carolina

Gold 1277 $\frac{224}{1000}$ oz Silver 112 $\frac{690}{1000}$ oz.

South Carolina

Gold 57 $\frac{215}{1000}$ oz Silver 6 $\frac{240}{1000}$ oz.

Georgia

Gold 264 $\frac{734}{1000}$ oz. Silver 36 $\frac{04}{100}$ oz

Alabama

Gold 32 $\frac{218}{1000}$ oz Silver 1 $\frac{18}{100}$ oz

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James A. Kimball
Director of Mints
Washington
D. C.

18: Jan'y 7

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th inst. I herewith transmit C/D. in duplicate of this date No. 11205 from the Asst Treasurer of the United States in this City, for the sum of $9 98/100 on account of Duties on Imports, being the net value of a light $10 gold piece enclosed in your letter

Very respectfully
Your Ob't Servt
Superintendent

B.B. Smalley Esq
Coll. of Customs
Burlington
Vt.

19 Jan'y 7

Sir;

In as much as the Assay Commission has been appointed and the time approaches for their assembling here to enter upon duty, be good enough to give me your suggestions and views as to the question of the manner of entertaining the members whilst they are with us

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

19: Jan'y 7

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit ~~Statement~~ of Labor purchased since Dec. 29. 1886 to Jan: 15th 1887

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Daing 19th 7

6146 Fourth National Bank N.Y 9.288.54/

19: January 7

Sir;

I think I sent you by mail, "1 doz Erasers", received yesterday with my semi-annual supply of stationary, they not being what I ordered, and my having no use for them, as we are already supplied with "erasers".

What my requisition called for, was, "1 doz Office Knives" (Desk Knives) for which we have use, and of which we have no duplicate.

Please give me credit for these returned erasers, and do me the kindness to acknowledge their receipt

Very respectfully
Fred W. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: Daniel Manning
Secy of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Duplicate

Oct 26th 1886

Handy Harman

New York
Oct 8th 1886

Troy oz Weights	oz	100.483.81
Mint Weights	oz	100.156.21
Difference 0.9742	oz	97.572.17

Superintendent

(36—A)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 20th 1887

Sir:

Please draw this day check —

6147	favor Handy Harman	for $	24.905.57
6148	" J.W. Seligman & Co.	" $	53.391.51
6149	" Jas. B. Colgate & Co.	" $	102.938.19
		" $	
		" $	
		" $	

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

(Rev. 7-28-86. 1000)

Janry 20th 7

Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

New York
Janry 18th 7

100.452.80
100.085.75
1.0285 102.938.19

Jan 20th

J. W. Seligman & Co

New York
January 14th

1.0290

1.852.10
1.735.97
3.816.32

Denv 20th

Dir.

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official. viz:

"Ordinary Contingent Fund will be insufficient to meet current expenses for present month. Am I authorized to pay bills from Standard Silver Dollar Appropriation Funds on hand?
Answer by wire."

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

January 20th 7

Sir,

I herewith transmit record of Coin Deliveries and Assay Coins reserved during the months of October, November and December, 1886.

Very Respectfully,

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Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

19: January 7

Sir;

In compliance with your request of the 13th inst., I herewith send you a Statement of the Gold and Silver Bars furnished by this Mint during the Calendar year, 1886, to persons or firms, for use in the industrial arts, with the value and the composition of the material used in the manufacture of the bars

Very respectfully

Wm M Stuart

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

January 19. 7

Value and composition of bars manufactured for use in the industrial arts by United States Mint at Philadelphia during the calendar year 1886

Material used	Bars manufactured Gold Fine ounces	Value	Silver Fine ounces.	Value
United States coin	3,104.332	64,172.25		
Old plate, Jewelry &c.	2,719.003	56,206.77	16,526.19	18362.73
New York Assay Bars			1.074.90	1194.33
Exchange Bars sold for Cr.	22,086.582	456,570.18		
Total	27,909.917	576,949.20	17,601.09	19,556.76

20: January 7

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memos. No. 110 and 132 of Gold Bullion, being remittance received from the United States Assay Offices at St. Louis and Charlotte, to be transferred to the bullion fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

Supt

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

20: January 7

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose to you the following official bonds, with sureties of the following named officers of this Unit to wit:—

George Esterick
Levi R. Cowperthwaite
Charles H. Townsend
Frank Hays
Henry D. Hickok
John Ziegler Jones
William McIntire (and)
Harry A. Chester

If there be any others that ought to give bonds to the United States Government will you be good enough to apprise me, but

from my recollection, these embrace them
all

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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20. January 7

Sir;

Herewith I endose memo. No. 132, of Gold Bullion - being for remittance No. 1, received from your office on the 17th Janr. as per letter of advice and memo: of the 15th inst.

Respectfully

Superintendent

R. P. Waring Esqr.
Assayer in Charge U.S. assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

20: January 7

Sir,

Herewith I enclose memo: No. 110 in duplicate - of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No 43 received from your office on the 14th inst., as per letter of advice and memo: of the 11th inst.

Respectfully

N. M. Hill

Superintendent

Eliot C. Jewett Esq
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
St. Louis
Mo.

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Janj 20th 7

21. January 7

Dear Sir

I have yours of yesterday in regard to Mr Murphy.

I regret that at this time I am not able to oblige. The laborers' department is all filled up and it will require some vacancy to occur before I can make any appointment there, and that will depend upon themselves through grant of duty or resignation

Very truly

N. Hill

Hon A. Davis Page
Office, Assistant Treasurer U.S.
Philadelphia

21: January 7

Miss Fannie Fisher
1135 Shackamaxon St. Philad.a;

I have yours of the 20th inst. applying for a situation for your brother Isaac.

The positions in the Mint are very well filled up, as you might easily imagine, as I am now running on to two years in my official position.

You have my sympathies in the struggles you are passing through and would be glad to oblige, were the way open. At the present time I am not able to make the appointment, but I will keep your letter and see what may occur

at an early occasion

Very truly

Superintendent

21: Jan'y 7

Sir;

In further fulfilment of your order of 7th Dec. 1886, I have this day sent to the United States Mint at New Orleans

10 Obv. St. Silver Dollar Dies Nos. 27 to 36 inclusive

10 Rev. " " " " " 27 " 36 .

being three fifths of the entire order to date.

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

July 21st 1857.

Sir,

I draw this day check

No. 6158, favor Handy Harmon & Co. for $ 56,107.69

" 6159, " " " " 6,834.69

" ____, " ____ " $ ____

" ____, " ____ " $ ____

" ____, " ____ " $ ____

" ____, " ____ " $ ____

" ____, " ____ " $ ____

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Daily 21st 1887

Statement of U.S. Bullion received by the Director of the Mint from Handy Harman

per letter of instruction

New York

Daily 11th 1887

Fine Weight	of	101.321.20
Fine Weight	of	101.157.52
Coin	1.0280	103.484.14

Dating 218 7

Sir,

I beg to enclose [illegible] in duplicate
for $255.00 [illegible]
Have Collin Dist. [illegible]
Mint U.S. New Orleans, La. [illegible]
with your letter of instruction dated Dec [illegible]

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

July 22d, 1887.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 6152, favor J. H. Seligman & Co., for $25.626.78/

" 6153, " South Nat'l Bank, N.Y., " $10.460.37/

" " , " , "

" " , " , "

" " , " , "

" " , " , "

" " , " , "

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

A. M. Clattin

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Jan 22d 1878

J. W. Seligman & Co.

New York

Jany 18th 1878

24.944.40

24.916.66

1.0285 25.626.78

Superintendent

S.P.O.

Jany 11th 7

Sir.

Please forward me another Check Book, as the one now on hand is very nearly exhausted -
The last check in the book now in use, is No. 6200 -

Very Respectfully,

Supt

Hon L. S. Sanda
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York.

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Sir,

Please have my balance with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York increased, in order to enable me to make prompt returns for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully

Wm. A. Fox

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

LRb

Jany 22d 7

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 21st inst enclosing duplicate bill and Bill of Lading of the Penna Rail Road Co. for $2.49, being the Freight on five Boxes bearing Nos. Tripods and Feed Boxes from New York to Philada, and which you have charged against the Contingent Appropriations of this Mint for the Fiscal Year ended June 30th 1886.

There seems to be some mistake in connection with the presentation of this bill to the Department for payment, as the account was settled at this Mint with the Penna R.R. Co. in May last, as appears from our accounts, and I refer you to Petty Bill "a.67" paid May 4th 1886.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Philadelphia
30½ December 6

30½

December 6

909.449.763 16.919.995.59
63.195.59 56.784.81

H. S. Cochran

H. S. Cochran?

Report of coin Cleared & accepted.

14004

Jany. 19th 7

Asst. Treas. U. S.

Baltimore, Md.

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Thos. J. Gibson

N. T. Wild Esq.

22. January 7

Sir;

In compliance with your request of the 5th inst., I have to report the standard ounces of Gold and Silver from the Territory of Idaho deposited at this Mint during the Calendar year 1886 as follows:-

Gold 367.984 Oz.
Silver 53.320 "

Respectfully
D. W. Fox
Superintendent

Assayer in Ch: U.S. Assay Office
Boise City
Idaho

22. January 7

Sir;

I have the honor to endose State-
ment showing ounces of Bullion operated
on, and attendant expences, in the Refinery
of the Mint during September 1886

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dany 24th 7

Sir:

I would respectfully call your attention to the condition of the 5th pieces forwarded to this Mint on J. O' 14.012, which have arrived here with the old and new issue of pieces in a mixed condition. It will expedite the business of the Mint, if in future you will kindly have the two classes of pieces placed in separate packages, so that they may be counted here without the necessity for separating them. Please in future conform to this request.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon L. S. Landa
Asst Treasurer U. S.
New York

(30 A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

January 24th 1887.

Sir

I draw this day check

No.	6154	favor	Handy & Harman	for $ 8.588.26
"	6155	"	Jas. B. Colgate & Co.	" 42.006.63
"	6156	"	Zimmermann & Forshay	" 16.862.45
"	6157	"	Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y.	" 19.021.50
				"
				"

in payment for Refined Bullion

I am, very respectfully

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

[Rev. 7-22-85. 10000]

July 24th 7

Jas. B. Colgate & Co

New York

July 21st 7

H0.916.90

H0.862.48

1.0280 H2.006.63

24: January 7

Sir:

Herewith I enclose memo No. 164 - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 15 received from your office on the 21st inst. as per letter of advice and memo. of the 17th inst.

Respectfully

A. Wells

Superintendent

George C. Monson Esq
Assayer in Chg: U.S. Mint
Denver
Colo.

24. January 7

Sir;

I have the honor to endose memo: No: 164 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Mint at Denver Col., to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very respectfully

A. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

14-14

January 24th 7

Sir,

I herewith transmit C/D No. 6743 from the Asst. Treas. U.S. in this City for $3— on a/c of old materials sold. I also enclose account current of the same.

Very respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D.C.

Jany 24th

3,306,409. 3444
304-Local
99,699. Foreign

1212 090. 452
Foreign $ 1233.100.814
17.062.074
Foreign $ 16,774.72

Jas. A. Kimball

1926

Daing 25th 1887

6158	Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y	17.209.23
6159	Handy & Harman	84.864.96

Spelt

Daily 25th 7.

Handy & Harman

New York
January 14th. 7

99.513.90
99.375.22
102.257.10

1.0290

25 Jan'y 87

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the Comstock monthly report of Gold & Silver workings on this Unit during December 1886;

Respectfully

W. H. Hood

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

26: January
10 a.m. 7

Sir

Notice further notice the price of silver will be if not less than 2000 ounces at this Mint will be 1.0250 cents per ounce fine

Very respectfully

R. M. Patterson

Superintendent

O. B. Jones Esq.

Assistant Clerk

(No. A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

July 26th, 1887.

I draw this day check—

6160	J. W. Seligman & Co.	54.639.07
6161	Handy & Harman	6.461.72

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

(Rev. 1-15-83. 1000)

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Jan 26th 7

J. H. Billingsley Co

New York

Jany 21st 7

53.237.60

53.150.85

1.0280 52.639.07

Superintendent

1926

January 16th

Handy Harman

New York
January 18th

40.886.05
40.828.02
41.991.62

1.0285

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Sandy 26th

Sir,

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official. viz.

"Please have my balance with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York, increased without delay. We have Silver on hand for which we cannot pay, for want of Funds."

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

20. January 7

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose, for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, D/D. No. 6743 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City for $500 deposited on account of Medal Fund

Very respectfully
L. M. Coffin
Superintendent

Hon. Lawrence T. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sirke

Bank of the United States at Philadelphia.

Jan 27th 1837.

Issue this day check—

6162	Handy Harman	33.624.00
6163	Zimmerman Bonbay	42.232.29
6164	South Nail Bank. N.Y.	7.566.45

in payment for Silver Bars

New York

Jany 27th 7

Zimmermann & Forshay

New York
Jany 21st 7

49.963.50
49.687.31
1.0280 51.078.56

Ltr

July 27th 7

Sir:

Having incurred some expenses in connection with the removal of the Steam power plant, I have to respectfully request that you will make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor for the sum of $1.200.= payable from the Appropriation made for that purpose in "the Sundry Civil Bill for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1887"; this to enable me to meet aforesaid expenses.

Very respectfully,
Wm M Fox
Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Copied

Jany 27th 7

Sir:

The following Telegram sent you this day, is hereby made Official. viz:

"Please Telegraph me, number of Transfer Order for One Million Dollars, transferrd yesterday to my credit, by Treasurer U.S."

Very Respectfully

Dupr.

Hon S. J. Landa.
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York.

DRL

Dany 27th 7

Sir,

Referring to our conversation of a few days ago on this subject, I have to respectfully request to be informed as to whether I am authorised to use the Standard Silver Dollar Appropriation for the purpose of meeting a portion of the Incidental Expenses of this Mint for the present fiscal year. As the item of Gold Wastage has to be met from the Ordinary Contingent Fund, I am disposed to be somewhat cautious about venturing too far in the payment of expenditures from the Ordinary Fund. Please make reply by return of mail, if convenient.

Very respectfully,

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

27 Jan'y 87

Sir:

I herewith enclose a copy of a letter addressed by our Mr. Charles E Bowler, Engraver, to me, under current date, saying that by a regulation of a former Director, it was ordered that all Reverse dies not used during the year should be returned to this Mint from the other Mints at the end of the Calendar year, and he says the Mint at San Francisco has complied with this regulation, while the Mint at New Orleans has not.

There have been no dies returned to us from this Mint for the year 1885 and 1886.

I respectfully call your attention to the subject, in order that you may adopt such a course as may be deemed desirable under the circumstances

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James D. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Continued

Copy

January 27th 7

Sir;

I would respectfully say, by a regulation of the former Director it was ordered, that all reverse dies not used during the year should be returned to this office from the other Mints at the end of each Calendar year.

This regulation was established at it was found the other Mints were accumulating dies of other than the current year, and that a proper care or account was not kept of them. The Object was, they should have dies for present use only. The Mint at San Francisco has complied with this regulation while the Mint at New Orleans

Sir, I have the honor to report that no dies returned from this Mint for the years 1885 and and 1886. I would beg leave to say that I think this regulation was a good one, as it kept a thorough and complete account of the dies and their whereabouts. Under the practice of the Mint at New Orleans we have no account of dies left over from year to year which I think we ought to have. It may be they have used all dies furnished, but this I think hardly probable.

Very respectfully
Chas. E. Barber
Engraver

Hon. Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent

2nd January 7

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo. No. 192 – in duplicate – of Gold Bullion, being for remittances Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, received from your office, on the 25th inst., as per Letter of advice and memorandum of 15th Jan.

Respectfully

W. H. Fox

Superintendent

Sprudle Braden Esq
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Helena
Montana

27. January 1

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 192 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very Respectfully

F. M. Kelly

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 27th

3.373.059.924

69.290 255-Local

value $ 1.452.331.290
1.479.698.56.

value $ 19.814.213
19.748.75

Jas. P. Kimball

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

January 28th 1887.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No. 6165, favor Handy & Harman for $ 50.573.72

6166 " J. & W. Seligman & Co. " " 20.660.75

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

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" " " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

Phila. Mint.

July 28th 7

Jph. Seligman & Co

New York

July 25th 7

20.051.70

20.020.11

1.0320 20.660.75

Phila: January 7

Sir;

In compliance with your request of the 27th inst. I herewith enclose, for the revised Instructions and Regulations for Transaction of the business of the Mints and Assay Offices, a statement prepared by the Medal Clerk of the manner in which the business of the Medal Department is conducted, including the basis for computation of loss.

Very respectfully
Ed M Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

The Manufacture of Medals.

1. Medals ordered by Congress are reproduced in bronze, and other American medals of historical interest are struck in gold, silver, or bronze, as required.

2. The National and historical medals are catalogued and kept in stock for sale to the public.

3. Medals for Public and

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Private Institutions, Associations, or individuals are also struck at the Mint in gold, silver, or bronze, but only from dies furnished by the persons ordering the same, which dies are to be kept in the custody of the Mint.

4. The foregoing medals are executed by the Coiner promptly upon the receipt of orders for the same and are furnished at a uniform price sufficiently in excess of the cost of the metal em-

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ployed to justify the Mint in their production.

5. The item of "loss" which is based on the actual waste of metal in manufacturing the medals is added to the amount of material in the finished product to make up the total of the actual cost.

6. Payment is made upon duplicate vouchers and the money received is placed to the credit of an account known as the Medal Fund.

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28. Jan.y 7

Sir;

The Assayer is the only operative officer of the Mint who has suggested any changes in the "Instructions and Regulations for the Transaction of the Business of the Mints", and he confines himself to the question of charges. I herewith enclose a copy of his views on that subject, for your consideration.

I believe I have nothing to add with regard to the proposed revision

Very respectfully

Supernitendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

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December 18th 6.

Sir,

In regard to any revision in the Instructions & Regulations in relation to the Transaction of business "in the Mint & Assay Offices" — and more particularly in reference to the tariff of Charges — I would make the following suggestions, as well as the reasons for such suggestions.

Parting, — Parting Gold & Silver, or refining Gold (page 6) reads "over 100 m, base metal, additional 1 cent."

I would also have over 250 m. base metal 2 cents, — for the reason, The greater the amount of base metal (copper chiefly) the greater the amount of Acid consumed. Copper requiring considerable more acid than

the same amount of Silver would.

The clause following reads. "And in addition — on deposits requiring parting (except Silver purchases) — 100 cents or 1/10 of 1 cent per oz. I would include Silver purchases requiring parting, as the same operation is required to separate Gold from Silver, as Silver from Gold.

Bar Charge — reads as follows "On bullion deposited for fine bars. not required to be parted or refined &c.

Strike out not required to be parted or refined. —(impose a bar charge, in addition to refining)

A regulation allows fine bars to be issued from the Mint without charge in sums of $5000. — or exchanged value for value. I would suggest

that smaller amounts be exchanged in the same way, when coin of full weight is presented, — but in all cases I would impose a regular charge for such transaction, the charge the same as if the bullion were refined and made into bars. for in preparing the bars for commercial purposes, far more labor is extended in the refining of such Gold, than would be in the ordinary course of minting work, i.e, for coinage. — as well as subsequent work on said bars.

Very Respectfully,
Jacob B Eckfeldt,
Assayer.

Hon Daniel M Fox,
Superintendent.

29: Jany 7

Sir;

Under existing circumstances especially of the assembling of the Assay Commission very shortly, it is essential that the work connected with the adjusting room and its new addition, shall be completed at once.

You will please therefore make your arrangements to have the whole of the work, - plastering, painting, carpentering, and whatever else there is necessary to do, on or before Saturday afternoon of next week, and this I will expect of you as I must have the work done by that time - 5th Feb.

You may also inform the men in charge doing such work of the necessity of

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this order

Respectfully

Superintendent

Mr Edward R Helmbold
Chief Carpenter

H.W.

Recorded

Mint, January 29th 7

Sir.

The Gold and Silver from Colorado deposited at this Mint during the Calendar year 1864, ...than that furnished from your Office, was as follows, viz;

Gold —— 976.196 Std ozs.

Silver —— 314.94 " "

We do not know from what counties or ...silver deposits came. We only note the State or Territory, as given to us.

Very Respectfully,

A.W. McFon

Supt.

G. A. Munson, Esq.

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

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(96—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jan 31st, 1887.

Sir,

Please draw this day check—

No. 6167, favor Zimmerman & Conway for $17.621.58
6168 " Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y. " $6.813.51

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Wm M Hoe

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

(No. 2-8. 500)

Jany 31st 7

Fourth Natl Bank

New York

Jany 4th 7

50.488.45

50.407.75

1.01 50.911.82

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January 29th 7

Asst. Treas. U. S.

New York N. Y.

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5000.

5000.

Chas. J. Gibson

Jan 31st 7

Handy & Harman

New York
Jany 21st 7

160.549.60
160.343.41
164.833.02

1.0280

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3.316.886.

Jas. P. Kimball

31st January 7

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Statement of the Coinage executed at this Mint during January instant

Very respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

January 31st 77

Sir.

I herewith returns properly signed, Mem. No 192. of Gold Bullion deposited for the U. S. Assay Office Helena, Mont. by Assayer in charge.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon A. P. Kimball
Director of the Mints,
Washington, D. C.

31 January 7

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following statement of the Coins reserved for special assay from the deliveries of the Coinage during the month ending this day:-

13 Standard Dollars

20 Dimes

Very respectfully

A. M. McPherson

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

31: January 7

Sir:

Shall I have permission to call your attention to the subject that gives me some anxiety? It is very evident that there will be, perhaps sporadically, calls for mint coinage all through the season and in order to provide for any emergency as there does not seem to be a probability of having any new storage vault very soon, I would recommend that No. 6, Vault have a steel lining and be fitted up in the most secure manner it can possibly be for the storage of mint coin. We have no facilities whatever for it and we should have a stock of at least $30000 in cents $100.000 in five cent pieces to fill orders for them for the

demands of the Spring Trade - in other words we may find ourselves as much embarrassed as we were when the great overflow of demand was made upon us last Autumn.

I commend this subject to your early consideration

Very respectfully
Wm. H. Ott
Superintendent

Hon. James D. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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31: January 7

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. in reference to the entertainment of the Assay Commissioners now shortly to take place.

As the Assay dinner is to be served at the Hotel Bellevue and the bill is to be made out by charge per Capita, it is very proper to limit the official guests to the number you suggest. As you will invite Mr. Randall and Prof. Barker, do I rightly infer that I am at liberty to invite the remaining three or four- a privilege I should appreciate.

For many years past it has been customary to invite the heads of departments, the Cashier and Bookkeeper and Chief Clerk not only to the daily luncheon but also to the social entertainment that follows the completion of the official labors. Though so far as the dinner is concerned, it being for the first time prepared away from the Mint building, your suggestion has much force.

As respects the luncheon, I do not propose to have an expensive one kept from day to day. It might be simply a plain one such as cold turkey, fried oysters, bread and butter, or biscuit, with a little sherry and claret, prepared superintended, and served by Mrs. Sayers

an employe of the Mint, who is perfectly competent for that purpose. As to the attendance at this character of luncheon it is proper to remark, that the assay Commissioners having a right to call upon the officers and employés of the Mint for any service or assistance that may be needed in the discharge of their official duties their material assistance is rendered at every annual meeting. This brings the number of them including experts into close official relations with the Commission to the exclusion for the time being of their usual duties and often detaining them from their own regular meals. As a matter of courtesy in view of their absence from their own luncheon

these functionaries have heretofore been invited to partake of the luncheon incident to the presence of the Commission.

In the event of their participation in this we, it might be very easily arranged so that after the Commissioners shall have been cared for such of these gentlemen as you consider proper to invite might be called in.

I might say in speaking of the operative officers of the Mint, that the Coiner and Assayer have an immediate duty to perform in connection with it; to wit: Storing & keeping in custody the pyx, which must be produced. Besides, the Melter & Refiner, & Com: have intimate relation with the Board

The Cashier & Bookkeeper have duties and responsibilities not second to those of the head of a department, although not so ranked in the law or on the pay-rolls, and the Chief Clerk serves as Acting Superintendent in my temporary absence. There are other subordinates of men of respectability, and superior skill in their specialties with whom I am brought into close official and personal relations. Would it be permissible to recognize them so far as the luncheon is concerned? I should be glad to have light and guidance on these points.

In regard to the cards of invitation for the dinner, shall they be prepared over your signature, or what would

you recommend: and in regard to the luncheon it hardly seems necessary to have cards. I can arrange as your judgment may instruct. Give me your views on this latter matter a little in detail at your early convenience as but little time remains.

Shall I reiterate that if your objection only goes to the manner in which the lunch was served last year, that can easily be remedied in excluding the Mint people until all the Commissioners have been served, and then limit it to the heads of Departments and such of the employés as have immediate duties to perform in connection with the Commission

Very respectfully

James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Superintendent

1. February 7

Sir:

Please forward to the Blind at San Francisco as soon as practicable, three (3) reams of Paper &c.

Respectfully
D. McClintock
Superintendent

Wm. H. Parker Esq.
Treasurer

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

July 1st 1887.

Sir,

I draw this day check

No. 6169, favor Handy & Harman, for $48.572.96

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in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Dan'l M. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

[Rev. 8-28-84. 1000]

Monthly account

January 31st 7

31st January 7

4,692,921.00

33,218,529.66

415,491.98

1,325.00

38,328,267.64

1st Feby 7

Sir,

The minimum number of Standard silver dollars to be coined by this Mint during February, inst., has been fixed by the Director at 1.800.000

Respectfully
N. P. Fox
Superintendent

J. H. Booth Esq
Melter & Refiner

1. Feby — 7

Sir;

Until further notice you will pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of ninety two cents per ounce Standard

Respectfully
D. M. Hill
Superintendent

O. B. Jones Jr
Assistant Clerk

1. Febuary 7

Sir;

Until further notice you will pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of ninety two cents per ounce Standard:

Respectfully
W. M. Fox
Superintendent

Henry Cochran Esq
Weigh Master

1: February 7

Sir;

The minimum number of Standard silver dollars to be coined by this Mint in February (inst.) has been fixed by the Director at 1.800.000

Respectfully
D. M. Fox
Superintendent

W. S. Stuck Esqr.
Coiner

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February 2nd 7

Sir,

In reply to your letter of ~~any~~ 21st I have to say that I can let you have 500 bright one dollar gold pieces coined in December last (1886) for an equal amount in gold coin, or a draft payable in gold coin, Proof gold dollars are struck from polished dies, in a hand press, a somewhat slow process of manufacture, and would cost you $1.25/100 each.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Israel Lawton Esq.
Supt U. S. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.

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Sold this day about

Mr. Jno. Zimmerman & Son Bay for $6.485.97

2: Febry 7

Sir;

In compliance with your request I herewith transmit a Statement of the number and value of the Coins received at this Mint for the Annual Assay during the Calendar year 1886

Very respectfully

A. M. Hoff

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1 February 7

Sir;

I have the hono to enclose memo: No. 22 of Gold Bullion being remittance received from the U.S Assay Office, St. Louis, to be transferred to the Bullion fund of this Mint.

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1 February 7

Sir,

Herewith I enclose memo. No. 225 - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 44 received from your office on 31st Jany, as per letter of advice and memo. of the 28th ulto:

Respectfully

Superintendent

Eliot C. Jewett Esq
Assistant in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
St. Louis
Mo.

1 February 7

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Statement of Silver purchased here from Jany 16th to Jany 31st ults

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

2: February 1

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 29th ult. I beg to state more in detail than heretofore, that the Coiner strikes medals upon requisition from the Superintendent's Medal Clerk, and receives payment for the metal used, for which a bill is rendered by him, in the enclosed form, showing the weight, fineness, and value.

The item of "loss" occurs in the operation of manufacture such as rolling the metal to the required thickness, and cutting out and filing the blank, and the value of the metal thus lost is added to the bill to reimburse the Coiner, and in this way is paid by the

Customer.

The loss is the difference between the weight of the ingot, before it is delivered to the roller, and the aggregate weight of the medal and the clippings. The loss is in each case, a specific fact by itself, to which "percentage" has nothing to do. When the medal is delivered to the Medal Clerk he adds 25 per cent to the price, to cover labor, and a small margin of profit.

The Standard gold in medals is calculated in the Coiner's bill at $18.61 per ounce; and the silver @ $1.29 per ounce subsidiary coin value.

If this report is not satisfactory

please advise me

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Sec'd

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Feb 3: 1887.

Sir

I draw this day check—

617 1	Zimmermann & Forshay.	for	4.194.48
617 2	South Natl Bank. N.Y.	"	4.964.77
617 3	Wm H. Wickersham. Treasurer	"	15.209.62
617 4	J.W. Seligman & Co.	"	43.536.59

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

SRb

Feb 3: 7

Wm. G. Didiksen. Treas:

New York
Feb 1st 7

14.783.70
14.766.62
15.209.62

1.03

Ltr.

Ltr 3.

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J.M. Seligman & Co

New York

Ltr 1st.

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£2.331.95

£2.268.54

1.03 £3.536.59.

3. February 7

Sirs;

In reply to your courteous and Considerate letter of the 2nd. inst. for which I thank you, I have to state that two days ago, we missed a $50 bag of 5¢ nickels, greatly to the solicitude and annoyance of the officers immediately concerned, and we were greatly perplexed to know what had become of it. The arrival of your letter this morning solved the mystery, and, knowing that it had not been stolen, relieved our anxiety. How it came to be miscarried is explained by the Cashier as follows:—

"The error in shipping a bag of 5¢
"Nickels to Washington in a Consignment
"of Silver, presumably occurred in this wise:—

"Shipments of nickel are made in canvas-
"enclosing bags. Broken bags of Standard dol-
"lars show breaks in the canvas the bag is
"put in an enclosing-canvas bag, or rebag-
"ged. The packing of minor coins was
"proceeded with prior to the delivery of the
"Standard dollars to the Express Company
"for the Treasurer of the United States, Wash-
"ington. I have no doubt that one of the
"#50 bags of nickel in an enclosing-bag
"was lying near, the enclosure not being
"evident, and in the hurry of work this
"enclosing-bag was used to rebag a broken
"Standard-dollar bag.

"I have to say that such an er-
"ror would not probably occur twice in a
"lifetime. The shipping department is
"overworked, and as it has to make trains

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"some hurry is inevitable"

If agreable to you, you can reimburse my account by sending me a check for the amount of the inclosed

Very respectfully

Superintendent

J. W. Whelpley Esq
Asst. Sec. Treas. United States
Washington
D.C.

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F.H.S

Feby 3d

3.234.506.50

Jas. P. Kimball

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Feb 4th, 1887.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

6175	favor Handy & Harman	$	79.35
6176	" Zimmermann & Forshay		16.06

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

(No. 1) 10-85. 1000

Feb 4th 7

Handy Harman

New York

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49.656.90

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Zimmermann v. Forshay

New York

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51.268.75

50.756.18

1.0320 52.380.38

L. M. Fox

4. Feby 7

Sir

I herewith transmit State-
ment of number and value of the
annual assay Coins reserved at this
Mint during the Calendar year 1886.

The statement you on the 2nd. inst.
which proves to have been for 1885 was
the result of a misapprehension of in-
structions on the part of the clerk who
made it out;

Very respectfully
A. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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Phila Pa.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward you by Express mail my Returns of Stamps, Standard Silver Dollars, Coinage and Standard Silver Dollar Vouchers for the month of January 1887.

Very Respectfully
Mack Hoffa
Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

S. Feb'y 7

Sirs,

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No. 146 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Respectfully
Nath. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

5. February 7

Sir,

Herewith I enclose Mem. No. 240 – in duplicate – of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 2, from your office on the 3rd. inst. as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 31st. Jany.

Respectfully
D. M. Fox
Superintendent

Robert D. Waring Esq
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

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Feb 5th

Sir:

As requested in your letter of 4th inst, I enclose herewith a statement of the Assets and Liabilities of this Mint on 12th Month 31st 1886. Similar as far as may be to the form published on pages 102 and 103. of the Report for the fiscal year 1886.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt
Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

S.R.C.

Feby 5th 7

Sir;

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor, for the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, payable from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver dollars, to aid in meeting the expenses of this Mint for the current month.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

5. February 7

Sir,

Herewith I enclose Mem. No. 210 – in duplicate – of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 2, from your office on the 3rd. inst as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 31st. Jany

Respectfully
A. M Fox
Superintendent

Robert J. Warner Esq
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N. C.

5. February 1

Sir;

In reply to your inquiry of the 4th inst., I have to state that the amount due the Adams Express Company for the transportation of minor Coins reissued is $228.— —for January 1887

Respectfully
A. M. Hoxie
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feb 5th 7

Sir.

I inclose herewith the Statements of Deposits & Purchases, Coined at this Mint, also Bars manufactured for the Calendar year 1867.

On going over the papers returned from your Office, there is a difference in U.S. Coin of one thousand dollars, which arises from an error in the monthly report sent for August, and also an error in Jewelers Bars for the same amount in the same month; I enclose corrected Statements herewith.

The unparted Bars are, $45.291.65 as corrected; I enclose new reports for the first six months, which, taken with

The last six months reports, make the above totals

We can find no difference in the amount of Trade Dollars deposited

Very Respectfully.

Wm. M. Test

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington. D.C.

Feb 5th

Sir:

A bill has been presented to me to-day by the Adams Express Co. amounting to $1.347.05 for the transportation of Minor Coins Received, shipped to different parts of the United States. They also accompany their bill with a letter from you, addressed to C. P. Burdick Esq, in which you state that the same "should be paid by the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philada, from the "Minor Coinage Profit Fund," which letter is dated Feb 1st 1887. As my instructions from your Office under date of Aug 23d 1886. in relation to "Reissued Minor Coins", state that the "expense of transporting them, is to be paid upon accounts approved by me and transmitted to the Department, I desire to know whether the transportation of any Minor Coins received is payable from the Appropriation for "Minor Coins reissued", or is the transportation on all received pieces, payable from the "Minor Coinage Profit Fund"?

The question at point hinges on the decision as to whether Old Coins received and Old Coins cleaned and reissued, are to

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be considered as coming under the Appropriation in the Sundry Civil Bill. Please give me definite instructions by return of mail.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

Report of Assay received for Recoinage

Febry. 5th 7

Treas. U.S.
Washington D.C.

1913.

No.

(For recoinage)

152.
130.
141.
138.
751.
1913.

No Transfer Asst Gen'l Gen'l Ltr Ltr Rec'd 2/7/87

Thos. J. Gibson

Treas to D

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Feb 7th 1887.

I draw this day check

6177 favor Jas. B. Colgate & Co. for $ 52.027.28

6178 " South National Bank. N.Y. " 7.864.35

Payment for Silver Bullion

Respectfully,

Asst Melter

Feb 7th 1857

Jas. B. Colgate Esq.

New York
Feb 4th 1857

50.604.55
50.511.92
1.03 52.027.28

Feb 7th 7

Sir:

I enclose herewith Memorandum showing Face Value and Loss by Leakage on Silver Coin received from the Treasurer U.S. No number of Transfer Order was given on this Lot.

Very Respectfully,

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Feb 2d

Sir:

I endose herewith bill in Duplicate for $ 31.26
being the Value of three pair Dime dies, prepared for
and forwarded to the Mint U. S. at San Francisco in conformity
with instructions contained in your letter of 31st ultc.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. A. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Feb 7th 7

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 5th inst. I forward the following statement showing Balances on hand Dec 31st 1886.

	Currency.	Ozs. Dec Minor Coins.	$
Minor Coin in	222.216.58	515.00	222.731.58
Minor Coinage Metal purchased		774.166.69	12.955.01
In hands of Jos. Wharton for conversion into 5¢ Blanks.		384.518.74	5.706.98
Uncurrent Minor Coins		599.819.26	72.188.85
Minor Coinage Profits including gain by Recoinage of Uncurrent Coins to Dec 31st/86			160.548.18

Very Respectfully.

Wm M Fox

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Feb 7th 7

Sir,

Enclosed please find Statement of Old Copper Cents received at this Mint from the Treasurer of the United States and Dependencies, and which have been melted down into Bars and Sold. Said Statement showing the Face Value, Amount realized by Sale of same, and loss thereon. As these Coins are the property of the Treasurer and the Mint has in no way sustained any loss thereon, the Net proceeds being in my hands to his credit, subject to Transfer Order; it is not requisite that any reimbursing Draft should be sent to this Mint for the Loss. The amount realized for them as well as the amounts due on Recoinages, will be duly reported for transfer.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Statement of Old bronze Cents received at the Mint U.S. at Philad.a, melted and sold for account. Treasurer. U.S.

True Value of Old Copper Cents received.	(11.110 lbs)	$ 4.982.92
Cash received for same from Geo. Aregee Jr at 10¢ per pound.		1.111.00
Loss by Sale		$ 3.871.92

Supt.

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3.198.944.871

2.768=Local
70.253=Transit

Value $ 222.947.1160
229.720.42

Value £ 1.836.783
1.781.15

Jas. P. Kimball

7. February 7

Sir;

Herewith I enclose mem: No. 257 of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 16 received from your office on the 4th inst. as per letter of advice and memo: of the 31st ultmo.,

Respectfully

D M Fox

Superintendent

George C Munson Esq
Assayer in Charge U.S. Mint
Denver
Colo.

7: Feby 7

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo: No. 252 of Gold Bullion being for remittance received from the United States Mint at Denver, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very respectfully
Your Ob't Sv't
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7. February. 1

Sir;

In compliance with your directions of the 31st ulto. I have this day forwarded per Adams Express to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco the following dies:-

3 Obverse Dime Dies Nos 7, 8, and 9
3 Reverse " " 7, 8, 9

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feb 7. 1

Sir

As requested in your letter of the 5th inst. I herewith return Statement of the number and value of assay coins deposited in 1886, examined & found by the Cashier and myself.

Very Respectfully

Hon. S. F. Phelps
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

7. July 7

Sir;

Miss Annie McArthur, an Apprentice having resigned, her name will be struck from the rolls after this day

Respectfully

Superintendent

Miss Jennie D. Kimball
Principal of the Normal
Washington
D.C.

7 February 7

Sir;

In reply to your communication I beg to say that your resignation is accepted as of this date

Respectfully
D M Fox
Superintendent

Mr John Flanagan
Rollo

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Feb. 8th 1887.

Sir.

I have this day check—

No 6179. favor Handy & Harman, for $72.284.10

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

[Fd. 2-23-86. 1000]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Feb 8th 7

Handy Harman

New York

Feb 1st 7

75.243.50

75.164.26

1.03 77.419.19

Daniel M. Fox

Feb 8th 7

Sir.

I enclose herewith Memorandum showing Fale Value and loss by Recoinage on Gold bar received from the Treasurer U.S. per "T.O" 14038.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Daniel M. Fox
Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Philada
Feb 8th

January 31st 1887

$47.845.98 with exceptions noted below *

* Balance as per your Statement $47.845.98
" " my Records 1/31 823.410.53
Difference $ 24435.45

accounted for by the following checks drawn Jan 31st not included in your Statement

No 6167 $17.621.58
" 6168 6.813.87 $24435.45

Audited Jan. 1. y.

Asst Cash. U.S. Mint.

8. February 7

Sir;

John Flanigan, Roller in the Engine's Department having resigned his commission will be dropped from the Rolls after the 7th inst.

Yours respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

S. Louis February 7

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 265 from your office, of Gold Bullion, being for remittance, received from the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

213a.

P. February 7

Sir,

In conformity with the provisions of Sec. 3507 of Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coroner herein endorsed, I have appointed Miss Elizabeth F. McElhone an Adjuncta in this Mint at $1 per diem - vice Miss Annie M. Scott resigned - to take effect from the date of her official oath and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

8. February 7

Sir

Herewith I enclose memo. No. 268 – in duplicate of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 45 received from your office on the 7th inst, as per letter of advice and memo: of the 5th inst.,

Respectfully

N. Mint

Superintendent

Chas C. Jewett Esq

Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office

St. Louis

Mo:

Have the kindness to complete the heading by adding the name of your office to your letter. This was inadvertently omitted in your last.

Feb 9th 7

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, regarding the Loss on the Old Dolphin Bank s.s. for the Treasury, I deem it best to state that I can readily eliminate the Loss from the Balance Sheets in your hands, by debiting the same either to the account of the Treasury U.S., or to the Gain by the seizure of his uncurrent Coin, if you so direct. As there was an appropriation of $4.000.= made for the losses on Mint Coin seizures, I did not know what action the Department would take in regard to its settlement; I therefore reported it as a matter of fact. As stated in my letter of 7. inst., it is not necessary that we should have a Draft sent to the Mint to eliminate the Loss. The Auditor's Accounts will be ready for adjustment in a few days, and if you will so instruct me, I will close the Loss in either of the methods above stated, and will furnish you with new Balance Sheets. Awaiting your reply, I am, Very Respectfully

Hon. Jas. H. Kimball, Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

Your Obt. Servt

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Feb 9th 1887

Sir:

The following Telegram sent you yesterday, is hereby made official, viz:

"My Requisition for Ten Thousand payable from Standard Dollar Appropriation; not Refinery as was approved in your letter."

also the following sent under current date, viz:

"Large quantities of uncurrent Silver Coin arriving for recoinage. Appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars most Mean exhausted by loss. Shall I continue to receive?"

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Feb. 9th, 1887.

Sir,

I have this day check—

No 6180, favor Zimmermann, Forbes, for $7,947.17
6181, " Fourth National Bank, N.Y., " $9,629.63
" " " $
" " " $
" " " $
" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U.S.
New York.

[illegible]

Feb 9th 7

Sir.

I endose herewith Memoranda showing Gold Value and Loss by Recoinage on Silver Coin received from the following Assistant Treasurers. viz: from Asst Treas: U.S. at Philad: per "T.O." # 14055 and from Asst Treas: U.S. at New York per "T.O." # 14056.

Very Respectfully
Wm Fox
Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

9 Feby 7

Sir

Reduce purchasing rate of Silver to One hundred and one Cents per $ fine

Yours respectfully
Jas. M. Nix
Superintendent

To
Wm. Bay
Asst Treasurer

R. A. Ackerman
Feb 11th

9: February 7

Sir,

In reply to the letter of the 4th inst., from Mr Emil Sonnek, Radom, Russ., to the Secretary of the Treasury, referred to me by your endorsement of the 8th inst., and which is returned, I have to report that the bulk of Mr Sonnek's old coins are too much worn and corroded to identify their age and date.

We classify them as follows:-

6 Coins of the following Idumean Princes

Herod I (the Great), Herod Archelaus, Agrippa I, and Herod, King of Chalcis B.C. 37 - A.D. 48.

4 Jewish Coins Date uncertain

1 - of one of the Procurators of Judea
A.D. 6-68
1 Roman, Gallienus A.D. 253-268
3 Byzantine .. About the 6th Century
16 Arabic Coins date uncertain
2 East India Dice

The remainder are uncertain on account of their worn and corroded condition.

It is estimated here that the whole lot would not bring Ten dollars at Public Sale

Very respectfully
Wm Metcalf
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

February 10th 7

Copy of cipher Telegram received by me this day from Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Washington D. C.

"If not paid, turn over to Asst. Assistant Treasurer U. S., for his action, Original Certificate of deposit one hundred Sixty Two issued by the First instant for Three thousand Dollars in Clearing House Balances."

Asst Asst Treas
Asst Treas U. S.
Phila.

Feby 10th

3,132,105.

2361-

89.571-

$10309.21

$ 319.662.02.

5576.55

5649.14

Jas P. Kimball

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

10. February 1887

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 2nd inst. I herewith send ~~my~~ memo. No. 192 with your deposits itemized.

Shipment No. 24 was divided to save melting and loss to the depositors. The small bars are melted to do not to have too many

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Sprville Braden Esq.

Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office

Helena

Mont.

10 Feby 7

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: No. 275 in duplicate - of gold bullion, being for remittance No. 14 received from your office on the 8th Feby, as per letter of advice and memo: of the 31st Jany

Respectfully

Superintendent

N. F. Wild Esq
Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office
Boise City
Idaho

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

~~10 February~~ 1857

Sir

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 276 of ~~the~~ Bullion having for remittance ~~received from the United~~ States Assay Office at Boise City, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

~~Your obt. Servt.~~

~~Superintendent~~

Jas. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

11. February 7

Sir,

I enclose herewith copy of proposed advertisement for obtaining proposals for constructing, new boilers room, excavations, walls, iron-work, pavement, alterations, &c, to provide for the transfer of the steamplant of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, to be opened on the 24th instant; - for your approval

If it is satisfactory be good enough to say in what papers they shall be published and how many times

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Superintendent

Hon: J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Proposals

Feby 1887

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia and opened at noon on the Twenty fourth day of February 1887 for making and constructing new boiler-room, excavations, walls, iron-work, pavements, alterations, &c &c. to provide for the transfer of steam plants at the United States Mint at Philadelphia:

Each proposal must be accompanied by a Certified check for $2000 made payable to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury:

The right to reject any bids is reserved.

The plans and specifications can be seen and any information obtained by applying to Daniel M. Fox, Superintendent.

Feb 11th

Sir.

I am ordered to return herewith Voucher in Duplicate for your Expenses incurred as Assay Commissioner, which are incomplete by reason of your failure to sign them at the time the Affidavit was taken. Please make the deficiency good, and return the papers by next mail, as they are Vouchers for the amount paid.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Prof. H. L. Torrey.
U.S. Assay Office.
New York.

Report of coin redeemed

14043

Feby. 7th 7

Asst. Treas. U.S.

New York, N.Y.

5000. No

(For reissue)

Counterfeit or Spurious | Mutilated or Spoiled | Amount Available for Redemption

5000.

5000.

Treas'r U.S.

Thos. J. Gibson

Report of M. C.S
received for acknowledgt

14063

Feby. 8th 1897

Asst. Treas. U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

673.91

For recoinage

58.70
96.20
56.40
314.00
131.76
16.85
673.91

Thos. J. Gibson

14049

February 9th 7

Asst Treas U. S.

Baltimore, Md.

1000. 2nd (For re issue)

10.00 990.

$10.00 $990.

Thos. J. Gibson

14050

February 9th 7

Asst. Treas. U.S.

St. Louis, Mo.

2000. 20

215.25 1784.75

215.25 1784.75

Chas. J. Gibson

14062

February 10th 7

Asst. Treas. U.S.

Baltimore, Md.

1430. No

For recoinage

10.

290.

70.

190.

720.

150.

1430.

Chas. J. Gibson

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Treasurer's order No. 14064

February 10th 1887

Report of examination and count of Minor Coins received by the Superintendent of the Mint, from Asst. Treas. U.S. New York, N.Y.

Said to contain $ 2000. No. 100 For re-coinage

	Counterfeit or Spurious. $ cts.	Mutilated or Spoiled. $ cts.	Amount Available for Redemption. $ cts.
Copper Cents.			50
Nickel			90.
Bronze Cents.			330.
Two-Cent Pieces			330.
Three-Cent Pieces			1200.
Five-Cent Pieces.			2000.
Total Amount Redeemable			

Thos J Gibson

14066.

February 10th 7

Asst Treas. U.S.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

85. No. For re-coinage

20.

50.

15.

85.

Thos J. Gibson

14067

February 11th 1907

Asst Treas U.S.
St Louis, Mo.

690.22 22 For recoinage

1.36
67.47
2.74
224.56
386.04
8.05
$690.22

Thos. J. Gibson

14065

February 11th 1887

Asst. Treas. U.S.
Boston, Mass.

680. No. For re-coinage

Counterfeit or Spurious		Mutilated or Spoiled		Amount Available for Redemption.	
$	cts.	$	cts.	$	cts.
				180.	
				200.	
				300.	
				680.	

Thos. J. Gibson

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February 12th 7.

Sir.

The two boxes of returned dies specified in your letter of the 7th inst. were duly received. Upon examination we find that the dies agree with your list, except in three instances. The Standard dollar dies of 1885 obverse & reverse No 58, should be No 53. In the list of dollar dies for 1886. No 24. should be No 30.

Very respectfully,

H W Harrison

Supt.

Hon. G. Montegut.
Supt U. S. Mint.
New Orleans. La.

14052

February 12th 7

Asst. Treas. U.S.

Boston, Mass.

4000. 2nd For re issue.

$ 23.50 3976.50

$ 23.50 3976.50

Thos. J. Gibson

14068

February 12th 1887

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New Orleans, La.

62.25/100 - For recoinage

25.92
36.33

62.25

Thos. J. Gibson

Feb 12th 7

Sir.

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official, viz:

"Please make reply today if convenient to my letters of 5th and 9th insts, relative to transportation on returned Nickel Coins and Settlement of loss on Old Copper Cents."

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

To Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Feb 12th 7

Fourth National Bank

New York

Jan 21st 7

49.912.82
49.826.14
1.0280 51.221.27

Feb 12th 7

Handy & Harman

New York
Feb 5th 7

7 5.35 7.85
7 5.2 7 2.00
7 7.53 0.16

1.03

Feb 12th 7

6182	Handy & Harman	48.100.98
6183	Zimmermann & Forshay.	39.048.14
6184	Fourth Nat'l Bank. N. Y.	4.853.35

Sec'y

Feb 12th 7

Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith Memoranda, showing Sale Value and Loss by recoinage on Silver Coin received from Asst Treasurer U.S. at Boston, Mass. per "T.O" 14057, and from Asst Treasurer U.S. at St Louis, Mo. per "T.O" 14060.

Also Memorandum, showing Sale Value and Gain by recoinage on Silver Coin received from Asst Treasurer U.S. at Baltimore, Md. per "T.O" 14054.

Very respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

12 February 1

6756

Sir

I have the honor herewith to transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury Certificate of Deposit No. 1 for the sum of One Hundred Dollars and 74 cents deposited in this City for $100 74 deposited on account of gain by recoinage of uncurrent Silver Coin

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James A. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

14: Feby 1

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Miss Elizabeth F. Ellicott recently appointed Adjuster in the Coiner's department of this Mint

Very respectfully

W. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint,

Washington

D.C.

Feb 14th

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Sir.

I enclose herewith Memorandum showing Sale Value and Loss by wastage on Silver bars received from the Asst Treasr U.S. at Cincinnati, Ohio. per "J.O" 14058.

Very Respectfully,

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Feb 14th

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 10th inst, I hand you herewith a Statement showing the total amount of Nickel Coins received at this Mint from the Treasurer of the U.S. for Recoinage and Reissue, under the provisions of the Sundry Civil Bill, approved Aug 4th 1886.

Total Amount transferred	$309.757.87
Total Amount reissued after cleaning	$80.438.58
Total Amount Old Copper Cents sold	4.982.92
Total Amount do on hand	120.06
Total Amount One, Two, & Five Cent Coins received in process of recoinage	224.216.31
Total as above stated	$309.757.87

As the Recoinage of the above pieces is not completed, I am not able to state the Loss incurred. The Loss on the above amount of Old Copper Cents sold, is, as has already

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been reported, $3.871.92 - Perhaps it would be as well for me to state that there was a balance of Old uncurrent Coins held by the Cashier, amounting to $3.839.87 which has been exchanged for the Treasurer U.S. for new Coin bank pieces, and which has been transferred for recoinage in addition to the first named amount.

Very Respectfully
Wm. H. Fox
Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Feb 14th 7

Sir:

I enclose herewith our customary warrant on the Cashier for the payment of Ordinary Expenses for same bring for you expenses incurred in attending the Annual Assay. Kindly receipt said Warrant and return to me for filing.

Very Respectfully

M. L. McFox

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

Feb 14th 7

Sir:

Enclosed please find the sum of $20.25/100 in settlement of your expenses incurred while attending the Annual Assay. Please receipt the enclosed Warrant on the Cashier, and return same by mail.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

H. E. Spackman Esq:
Mint Bureau.
Washington. D. C.

Feb 14th 1837

6185 Handy Hannan 18.148.05

Feb 14th

Sir,

I enclose herewith Memorandum showing Fine Value and Loss by Wastage on Silver Coin received from Asst Treasurer U. S. at Chicago, per T.O. 1059.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Feb 14th

Sir.

I return herewith the bill in Duplicate which you omitted to sign in the proper place. Please sign where the finger indicates and return by next mail.

Very Respectfully.

Supt

H. S. Snowden Esqr.
U.S. Assay Office
New York.

14 February 1

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo. No. 303 - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion, being for remittance Nos. 5, 6, 7 & 8, received from your office on the 11th inst as per letter of advice and memo: of the 31st Jan'y

Respectfully

Superintendent

Sprulle Braden Esq
A. Mayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office
Helena
Montana

14: February 7

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose memo: No. 905 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

Edwd. M. Pye

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

14. Feb'y 7

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit to you by this days mail, the papers relating to the contract for the construction of the Engines, under authority of the Act of Congress of last session, made after due advertisement exhibiting proposals between myself, acting on behalf of the Government, of the one part and the Kensington Engine Works, Limited, of the other part.

The papers embrace as follows:—

First, a. Advertisement for proposals,

b. Specifications of the character of the work;

c. Contract and Bond.

d. Resolutions in the organization of the Contractor-Partnership authorizing officers to execute contract, certified with affidavit.

e. Copy of Partnership Association.

These papers may be filed in your office.

Second. Papers in duplicate

a. Advertisement.

b Specifications.

c Contract

One to be filed in this office and the other to be given to the Contractor-Partnership organization.

All these papers are mailed to

you for submission to the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury for his consideration, as the act prescribes

Very respectfully

L. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

and

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Feby 14th 1887.

3.058.568. 694.

1797. Legal
76.448 Trade

Value $ 447.477. 694
Value $ 2.978. 874
2.056. 820

Jas. P. Kimball

Superintendent

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14: February 1887

Sir:

I have had handed to me to day very kindly by a gentleman who is an edito of a paper in Wilmington, Delaware, a most dangerous and deceptive Counterfiet dollar, a number of which he informs me - as also a number of half dollars - have within the last few days made their appearance and been in circulation in that city. I look upon it as so important that the fact should be communicated at once to the head of the Secret Service. If he will either come or send some one to me I will give him the sample of the Coin, and put him in communication with this gentleman who has possession of a number of facts and has learned what he could

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before coming to me, which would be of service to the Government in protecting its currency.

I desire to say that this gentleman has taken pains to suppress any public notice of it in the newspapers in order that the ends of justice may not be defeated.

I esteem it of such a character, that the quicker this matter is followed up the better. This gentleman will be home on Saturday next as he has to go to New York in the meantime, so that if the officer who may be detailed for the purpose will come here on Saturday morning of this week, I will give him a note to my informant who has so kindly placed this in my hands.

Very respectfully

Edwd M Fox

Superintendent

Hon. James T. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

(80 A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Feb 15th, 1887.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 6186, favor Handy & Harman, for $ 72.078.57

6187, " Zimmermann v. Lothay, " " 5.817.76

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" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am very respectfully,

W. E. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Rev. 2-28-85. (100)]

Feb 15th. 7

Zimmermann v. Forshay

New York
Feb 4th. 7

51.350.23
51.275.51
52.813.77

1.03

Feb 15th 7

Sir:

I forward this day by Adams Express, a box containing my Bullion Accounts and Vouchers for the fourth Quarter. 1886.

Very Respectfully,

Wm M Fox

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.

Director of the Mint.

Washington. D.C.

Feb 15th 7

Sir:

I enclose herewith Memorandum showing Sales Returns and Gain by recoinage on Silver Coin received from Asst Treasurer U.S. at New Orleans. La. per "T.O" 14061.

Very Respectfully,

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

16 February 7

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury Certificate of Deposit No. 6757, of the Assistant Treasurer in this City, for $2.50 deposited on account of Mr. Jones on recoinage of uncurrent Silver Coin

I am respectfully
Your Obt. Svt
Superintendent

Hon: James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feb 15th 7

Robt. P. Waring Esq:
Assayer in Charge.
U. S. Assay Office. Charlotte. N. C.

Sir.

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official. viz:

"Invoice for Shipment No 3. not enclosed in letter. Please send me."

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Feb 16th 1887.

Sir

Please pay to the order of

6188 Handy & Harman $22.685.55

6189 Jas. B. Colgate & Co $30.783.02

in payment for Silver Bullion

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

LRL

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Feb 17th 1887.

Sir:

I have this day shipped

No 6190 pieces Handy Harman for $19.725.83/

$

"

"

"

"

"

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.

Superintendent.

American Exchange Nat. Bk.

New York

LRL

Feb 17th 7

Sir.

I endose herewith Statement of Loss on sale of Sweeps, which should have been forwarded yesterday with my Bullion Accounts.

Very Respectfully,
R.M. McFee
Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

17: Feby 7

Sir;

I have the honor to receive yours of the 16th. touching the subject of the enlargement of the adjusting department.

For want of a sufficient number of balances, I am not yet enabled to discontinue the evening shift of adjusters. They work up to 7 and 8 o'clock but not later, but this will be but for a very short period as the balances requisite to keep them all at work at one time are being made by our Mr Fite, who is skilled in that department and who can make them at an expense so trifling that when I come to transmit

the bills, I think it will surprise you. I adopted this course rather than give Mr Groemmer from $50 to $60, for each balance, and will thus be enabled to save considerable money to the Government for just as good balances as the gentleman named can make. I hope to have them all ready in a few days, when the early evening occupation will be entirely discontinued unless some very great emergency a pressure by the Government prevents

Very respectfully
D. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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17 Sept 1

Sir

I have the honor to enclose, for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, Certificate of Deposit No. 6758 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City for $160.000 00 deposited on account of profits on Minor Coinage

Very respectfully

Your obt Svt

Superintendent

Hon: James L. Kimball
Auditor of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Feby 17th

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3,020,350,086

Value $ 565,306.00
570,329.27

Value $ 11,410.00
11,618.93

Jas. P. Kimball

Wash McKee

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276½

Feb 18th 7

Sir:

Please find inclosed herewith the sum of $23.44/100, being the amount of your bill of expenses incurred in attending the Annual Assay. Please receipt the inclosed order on the Cashier for the amount, and return the same to us for filing.

Very Respectfully,

Supt

Hon. W. L. Trenholm.
Comptroller of the Currency.
Washington. D.C.

Feb 18th 7

Handy & Harman

New York
Feb 1st 7

150.723.85
150.542.80
1.02 153.553.64

L. Metler

Feb 18th 7

Sir,

The following Telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official. viz:

"Please return Vouchers to day, for Expenses as Assay Commissioner."

Very Respectfully,

Wm Wetmore

Supt

To, A. S. Torrey.
U. S. Assay Office.
New York

(Form 8.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Feb 18th, 1887.

Sir.

I draw this day check—

No. 6191, favor Handy & Harman, for $43.960.52
" 6192, " do. " $10.098.36
" 6193, " J. W. Seligman & Co. " $18.169.39
" , " , " $
" , " , " $
" , " , " $

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

[Ptd. 2-24-86. 10000]

Supt

Feby 18th. 7

Sir.

Having counted and valued the Assay Coins and Clippings resulting therefrom, manipulated at the recent Annual Assay; those forwarded by the Mints at San Francisco and New Orleans, are now ready for transfer to the Bullion Fund, as follows. viz.

	Gold.	Silver.
San Francisco.	$ 24.000.00	$ 385.40
New Orleans.	" ----	5.355.00

Will you kindly request the Treasurer U.S. to issue separate Transfer Drafts for the Gold and Silver, and have them forwarded to this Mint, so that I may close the account.

Very respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Philadelphia
January 30 7

31½

January 7

896.152.208 16,672,599.22
57.230.45 52.077.67

H. S. Cochran

18. February 7

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit to you 4 Copies of the Contract for the construction and placing of the 3 internally fired cylindrical steel boilers for the United States Mint in Philadelphia with accompanying papers, one of them being complete with regard to plans, specifications, &c the other three embracing the Contract and so much of the papers as are essential to have action taken upon them, which I present for the purpose of having the consideration of the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, as is required by Act of Congress authorizing the removal of

the Government engineers and forts in the
Sound. I will suggest that with regard
to these, as also the proposed Contracts
for construction of the engines in this
relation, already in your possession by
transmittal, it is essential because of
the rapid passage of time, they should
receive early attention.

Very respectfully
W. H. H. Hoe
Superintendent

Hon. James T. Kimball
Register of the Treasury
Washington
D. C.

February 19th 1

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of Feby 18th containing inquiry relative to Chas. F. Sauer, Hoister, M. & R. Dept. in which you ask me to "explain whether he actually performed service to the end of the month, (Dec.) "or whether his having been credited with "doing so is the result of an error."

In the statement of time rendered and compensation received our record does not appear to be in conflict with the fact in the case. His removal took place Dec. 27th, and the roll shows that his pay was deducted for the remaining four working days of that month. Our notification of his removal was transmitted under

date of December 28th and the acknowledgment of it bears date of January 17th. The account was made up to and he was paid including date of dismissal – not further. Hoping this may be satisfactory,

Very Respectfully
Wm. H. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

19: February 7

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo: No. 336 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

A. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

19: February 7

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: No. 336, -in duplicate- of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 3, received from your office on the 17th. Inst., as per letter of advice and memo. of the 11th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq
Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

19 February 7

Sir;

Responsive to your letter of inquiry of 21st ultº., I have the honor to report that Joseph Esherick who is surety on the bond of George Esherick, Warrant Clerk of this Mint, recently forwarded to you, is the same individual who died on the evening of January 15th 1887 as stated. The bond was executed, of course, long before that period.

Of my own knowledge I can say that he left quite a large and comfortable estate, both in real estate and personal investments, having retired from business several years ago with

a competence. Of course his estate must hold good & the responsibility be assumed in signing the bond.

If however you prefer that a new bond must now be given, I will abide by whatever instructions you may give me

Very Respectfully

Wm M Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James D. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

spb

Feby 19th 87

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of yesterday, I hand you below a Statement of Expenditures incurred at the Annual Assays from the years 1874 to 1886 inclusive

Years	Travelling Expenses	Dinners &c
1874	$601.68	$728.24
1875	625.00	637.50
1876	200.00	637.43
1877	650.00	691.53
1878	818.39	586.18
1879	580.00	606.21
1880	905.85	504.45
1881	620.95	320.10
1882	264.20	315.50
1883	768.16	315.00
Carried Forward	$6.034.23	$5.342.14

Brt forward	6.034.23	5.342.14
1884	653.48	341.69
1885	794.69	324.00
1886	1.176.69	371.20
Totals.	8.659.09	6.379.03

This information would have been forwarded yesterday except for the reason that the Telegram was received after Business hours, and the Registers books having been locked up for the day.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

19: Feby 7

Order

The cutting of any metal other than Gold, Silver, Nickel, and Bronze on the Topping Machines, is hereby strictly forbidden

By order of the

Superintendent

SPEC

Feb 19th 7.

6194	Handy Harman	11.049.	17
6195	Zimmerman Forshay	15.935.	25
6196	Fourth Natl Bank N.Y.	6.796.	32

A. W. Fox

Superintendent.

Ft.

Feb 19th 7

Sir,

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official, viz:

"Zimmerman & Forshay are shipping silver. No advices from Bureau of Purchase. Shall I receive it. If so, how much in and at what rate."

Very respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

SRb

Feb 21st

Sir,

I enclose herewith the following bids for 80 Bbls Native Refined Sweeps offered for sale Feby 17th.

Ed. Balbach Son.	@ $ b.s per 100 lbs.	$ 2.267.04
Howard White		2.253.00
A. Wolfstein Bro.		1.701.50

The bid of Messrs Ed. Balbach Son being the highest, I will accept the same with your approval. Kindly return the bids by next mail.

Very Respectfully,

H. Heinrich

Acting Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

2.894.144.

95.803-Loans
1.341-Leases

668.998.755
6.852.325
13.594.149
14.009.07

Jas. P. Kimball

Feby 21st 1

Sir;

Yours of the 17th inst received.

The number in your list of returned dies is written 24. The Obverse dies in the left hand margin run from 1 to 11, and No 20 is followed by 21. 22, 23, 24, 31, 32, 33 &c.

Very Respectfully,

A. Loud
Asst Supt

J. Montagu, Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans,
La.

21 Febry 7

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit the following statements for the month of January 1887 viz:—

Deposits & Purchases of Bullion

Gold & Silver of Domestic Production, Deposited,

Bars Manufactured

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

Supt

Hon. James A. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Feb

Feb 23?

6197	Handy & Harman	54.05	7.45
6198	J. M. Ettinger & Co	43.92	7.41

H C Fahnestock
& King

SRL

Feb 23d Z

J. W. Seligman & Co

New York

Feb 15th Z

19.934.50

19.901.60

1.0240 20.379.24

H C Hibbard

Acting

SRL

Feb 23?

Handy Harman

New York

Feb 16?

102.692.55

102.564.43

1.0240 105.025.98

H. C. Hicks

Acting

February 23rd 7

Sir.

In return for the remittance enclosed in your letter of the 10th inst, I have to say, as requested, forwarded to Col. A. Andrews No. 221 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, Five hundred Gold dollars of our regular issue, and enclosed in a separate envelope, in the same package; 10 proof gold dollars, I will thank you to notify this Office of their safe arrival.

Respectfully

R. E. Peters

A. M. Supt.

Israel Lawton, Esq,
Supt U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

24. February 57

Sir;

You will please cause the following dies to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco as early as practicable. viz:-

Half Eagle Obverse 10 (and)
Half Eagle Reverse 10

Very respectfully

Superintendent

W. E. Barber Esq
Engraver

24: Feb'y 7

Sir;

Your letter of the 21st inst; calling for the Refinery Statements in form 95, for Adoba, November & December, and Calendar year 1886, was duly received and submitted to the Melter & Refiner, a copy of whose explanatory reply I herewith enclose for your information

Very respectfully

D. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: J. R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

(Copy)

23 February 1867

Sir.

In reference to a letter of Feb. 21., which you received from the Director of the Mint, inquiring the cause of delay in forwarding our Reports on Refining Gold & Silver, I beg to say, that the chief cause of delay for some months past has been, the addition of a large amount of business in the Refinery, in clearing baser coin, the 5¢ and 1¢., by the same set of men whose business has been, and is still, Refining Gold and Silver. The same three men are employed for these operations, and no more have been asked for: nor actually needed, if we are allowed to accommodate their activity to both the above operations. It required some time early in the Fall to make these two sets of operations work harmoniously,

and while accomplishing this, we fell somewhat in the rear in Refining. We are now hastening to fill the Gap in the latter process, having caught up one or two months. I propose forwarding the completed Report on Refining for October (1886) forthwith, and shall in a few days send the Report for November. The work for December is progressing, and will, I think, be ready within two weeks.

I may remark in conclusion, that my single force of three men, cannot divide itself, so as to conduct the two operations at the same time, nor in exactly the same place or space, without the dreadful risk of mingling base metal with Gold and Silver.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Jas C Booth,

M&R.

Hon. D. M. Fox,

Superintendent.

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(80—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Feb 24th, 1887.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No.	6199,	favor J. W. Seligman & Co.	for	$11.910.28
"	6200,	" Zimmerman & Forshay.	"	$20.480.46
"	6201,	" Fourth Natl Bank. N.Y.	"	$14.439.13
"	6202,	" Jas. B. Colgate & Co.	"	$27.867.29
"	6203,	" Handy & Harman.	"	$50.226.24
"			"	$

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

H C Hickok
Acting Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

[Ed. 2-28-85. 1000]

Feb 24th 7

Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

New York
Feb 15th 7

50.963.97
50.788.69
1.0240 52.007.62

H. C. Hackett
Acting

Feb 24th 7

J.W. Seligman & Co.

New York
Feb 19th 7

52.435.95
52.372.89
1.0240 53.629.84

Acting

Feb 24th

Sir:

Please draw your Transfer Order for the sum of ($24,751.25/100) twenty four thousand seven hundred and fifty one 25/100 Dollars, to reimburse yourself for Silver Coins transferred to this Mint for cleaning and reissue.

Very Respectfully,

Acting Supt

Hon S. H. Jordan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

F.H.T

July 24th 7

2.956.514. 812

301 Locs

886.745.85
Value $ 909.772.54

14.905.69
Value $ 15.340.62

Jas. P. Kimball

Acting

February 25th 1

Sir.

It has come to the knowledge of the Superintendent, that perhaps in a spirit of thoughtlessness, if not of mischief, pranks are played upon the employees of this Institute to the extent of communicating fire to the Aprons, and perhaps other Garments while being in use. And this is to give notice that a repetition of such acts as these will cause the instant dismissal of those engaged in such base and reprehensible conduct.

You will please communicate this order to the employees in your department

Respectfully,

Wm H Hall
Supt.

Mr. Wm S. Steele.
Coiner.

February 25th 7

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You will please communicate this order to the employees in your department

Respectfully

D. McKee

Supt.

Wm. James C. Booth.

Melter & Refiner

25th February 7

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo: No. 371 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Mint at Denver, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

#24

February 25th 7

Sir,

I herewith transmit C/D. No. 6762, from the Asst Treas. U. S. in this city for $15.75 on account of old material sold. I also send an account current of the same.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

25. February 1887

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo. No. 357 in duplicate, of Gold Bullion, being for remittances Nos. 9, 10, 11, and 12, received from your office on the 21st. inst. as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 12th.

Respectfully

A. M. Hart

Superintendent

Aquille Baden Esq

Assayer in charge, U.S. Assay Office

Helena

Montana

25th February 1887

Sir

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 357 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Helena, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint,

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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February 25th 1

Sir,

I herewith transmit statement of Refining operations for the month of October 1886.

Very respectfully,

W. M. Hetherington

Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

25th Febry 7

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo: No: 371, in duplicate of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 17, received from your office on the 28th Febry, as per letter of advice and memo. of the 17th inst.

Respectfully

A. M. Pitt

Superintendent

George C. Munson Esq

Assayer in Chg: U.S. Mint

Denver

Colo.

B19½

February 25th 77

Dear Mr. Preston,

The mutilated Quarter Eagle enclosed in your letter of the 24th inst. was so near Standard value, that I took the liberty of sending you a perfect piece in its place.

Very Truly Yours,
W. Pollock
acting Supt.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Mint Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

28: February 7

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit for your consideration form of advertisement for shafting, pulleys, belts, gearing, &c, to provide for the transfer of steam plant at the United States Mint, at Philadelphia. It is upon the face of the printed blank proposals, attached to which are the general specifications for this same work. I prefer to submit the advertisement as it is placed upon the blank proposals and specifications rather than just the advertisements alone: it will give you an idea of what the character of the

specifications are for this portion of the work. I wish to get the approval of the advertisement as also the specific newspapers and the number of times of insertion in each, as early as I conveniently can, so that ample time may be given bidders to study the intricacies of the matter and present intelligent plans and specifications regarding the same.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

26. Febry 1887

Sir

Your services in this Mint will not be required after this day;

Respectfully

W. H. Fox

Superintendent

Mr Michael Specht
"Medal Room"

Bank of the United States of Philadelphia,

Feb 26th, 1887.

6204	Hanby Hannan	37.797.02
6205	Zimmerman & Foshay	16.264.40
6206	Fourth Natl Bank. N.Y.	8.832.76
6207	Jas. B. Colgate Jr.	23.181.61

in payment for Silver Button

I am, very respectfully,

L. Kohn

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

Feb 26. 7

Zimmerman & Forshay.

New York
Feb 19.

51.591.10
51.464.95
1.0240 52.700.11

2d. February 7

Sir,

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 2d. inst, I herewith return the quadruple contract of the Edge Moor Iron Co. of Wilmington, Del, to furnish new Boilers for this Mint, with a new bond properly executed by the officers of the Company, but with the same sureties, William Sellers, and John Sellers, Jr., both of this City, two gentlemen who in their private capacity are more than sufficient for the amount

of the Bank. Mr Williams Sellers,
who is a gentleman of large fortune,
insists that if there be no Statute
to the Contrary, he is entirely
competent to become surety for the
Company, and therefore desires that
I should forward the new bond, in
its present shape for the considera-
tion of the Department which I ac-
cordingly do, and respectfully await
the decision of the Secretary thereon

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James C. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Phila. February 7

Sir,

Under Section 3571, Revised Statutes I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coining Committee, I have transferred William Hanley Laborer, to Roller @ $2.00 per diem — vice George W. Eigleburner transferred — & appointed John L. Given, Roller, @ $2.00 per diem — vice John Flanagan, resigned, to take effect on their assuming their new positions and taking their official oath, respectfully, and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

A. M. Eckfeldt

Superintendent

Hon. James A. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

26. February 7

Miss Adele A. Robinson

Teacher

By reason of [illegible] and violation of rules you are hereby suspended from duty until further notice

Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Feby 28th

2.802.321.070

36.402. Treas

775.903.23
Value $ 1.060.848.33

17.054.046
Value $ 17.625.17

Jas. P. Kimball

28. February 7

Sir

Michael Specht, "Medal Room" having been removed, his name will be dropped from the rolls after the 26th inst.

Very respectfully

W. H. Hoe

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

25: Feby 7

Sir;

I have the honor ~~to transmit~~ the following Coins reserved from the deliveries of the Coinage during the current month - for special assay: by Registered mail

12 Standard Dollars

10 Dimes

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28th. February 7

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint during February

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28: February 7

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit a Statement showing number of ounces of Bullion operated on, with attendant expenses, in the refinery of the Mint, for Nov. 1856

Very respectfully
L. Ashe
Superintendent

Hon James C. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

The Melter & Refiner promises to follow with his December report in a few days.

Feby 28th 7

Sir

I herewith transmit C/D. of this date No. 6765 from the Asst. Treas. U. S. in this City for $5 12 on account of old material sold, also account current of the same.

Very Respectfully,
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D.C.

HCH

Feby 28th 7

Sir;

We are now filling our last Register of Gold & Silver Deposits and Purchases (Form 188 A) and at the end of the current quarter will need a further supply. As it takes a good while to make them, I now make requisition for four of them to be furnished as soon as the Govt Printing Office can turn them out.

Very Respectfully,

HCH

Supt

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

28 February 7

Sir;

I have the honor to state that we have of the minor coinage a balance of $ 23946 25 on hand with orders against the same amounting to $ 13000 - leaving a balance of $ 10946 25 in excess after all the present payments. With regard to the orders spoken of, we do not furnish the Coin immediately upon the receipt of the checks, as we wait a few days until the checks are first collected, and we are now waiting simply for the present checks on hand to be collected before we respond by furnishing the amounts asked for.

There is also at this time an average demand for minor coin amounting to $2000 per day: 1/3 of which is for one cent pieces. the balance for 3 & nickel pieces, and from the receipts within a day or two, increasing in aggregate, it is very clear that the Spring Trade will make a continuous demand upon us.

Of the present contracts we have about 15000 lbs of 3 & blanks of the 20.000 lbs. of Benedict & Burnham, and about 30.000 lbs of the contract for 1 & blanks with Joseph Wharton on his contract of 50.000, increased to 100.000 lbs. This will occupy us about 30 days and then we will finish all the con-

tracts for all the mint coinage.

In view of this fact and also the prospects of the shipping trade as above indicated I would reiterate the suggestion made in my letter of 31st. ultimo. That we should have a stock of at least 50000 dollars in cents and 100,000 dollars in 5¢ pieces to fill orders for what is apparent to us to be the current demand and thus avoid the sudden precipitation upon us of drafts, and indeed clamor for small coins hereafter

Very respectfully

A. M. McPike

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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28: February 7

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Sect: 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Melter & Refiner herein enclosed, I have appointed Edward Lawrie, Melter, in his department @ $3.00 per diem – vice William H. Gallup transferred – and transferred John A. Smith, Laborer, in the General department to Hoister in his department @ $2.50 per diem – vice Charles F. Lauer dismissed –, to take effect, respectfully, from date of oath, and assumption of new duties – & submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Heath

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

338.B

U.S. Feby 7

Sir;

Under Sect. 3594 Revised Statutes, I have transferred and promoted Thomas McMonigle, Laborer, in the General Department, to Piler, @ $3.00 per diem, to take effect from the time he assumes his new duties and submit the same for your approval — this promotion is [illegible] to the double shift authorized September 1886."

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

338.C.

28. February 7

Sir;

Under Sect. 3304 Revised Statutes I have appointed as Laborers in the General Department of this Mint, John O'Neill, John Dougherty, and James Duffy - vice, respectively, William Hawley, promoted, John A. Smith, promoted; and Thomas McMonigle promoted, - [illegible] @ $2.75 per diem, to take effect from date of oaths:

I have also transferred and promoted George W. Eigleburner from Roller Cleaner in the Coining Department to Machinist in the General Department @ $3.25 per diem - vice George A. Frame

to be removed - to take effect from the date he assumes his new position - all of which is submitted for your approval

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1 March 7

Sir;

"The minimum number of Silver dollars to be coined by "this" Mint during the month of March is "fixed by the Director" at One million eight hundred thousand"

Respectfully

Superintendent

James C Booth Esq
Melter & Refiner

1 March 7

Sir

"The minimum number of Silver dollars to be coined by" this "Mint during the month of March is "fixed by the Director" at One million eight hundred thousand)"

Respectfully

L. M. Coe

Superintendent

W. L. Steel Esq

Comr

1 March 7

Sir:

I have the honor to report that after due advertisement sealed proposals were received on the 24th ult. for making and constructing new boiler room, excavations, walls, iron work, pavements, alterations, &c., to provide for the transfer of steam plant at the United States Mint at Philadelphia. Two were received, one from Charles McCaul and another from Stacy Reeves & Sons, both said to be reputable builders in their line. The bids were referred to the architects for scheduling and opinion, as to which was the most beneficial to the Government to

accept. Subsequent to the reception of the proposals to wit on 26th ulto. I received from each of the two parties proposing letters explanatory of the error that seemed to be inadvertent - by transposition of amounts for the work called for under head 4 section C in the specifications. These letters explain the error of themselves. They were also referred to the architects for their consideration.

On the 28th ulto. with correction of the error which the architects at once discovered, they expressed themselves in detail in regard to both bids and summing up with a recommendation that the work be awarded to Messrs. Chas. McCaul.

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Herewith enclosed will be found the proposals of both these gentlemen, their several letters explanatory of the error spoken of and the report and opinion of the architects, with a supplemental letter of date of 28th. ult. from them also - all of which are submitted for your consideration and approval

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Superintendent

Hon. James S. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Ltr

March 1st 7

Sir:

I have this afternoon received by registered mail, your letter W.P.L. of the 28th ult. enclosing Treasury draft No 267.983, to my order on the Asst. Treas. at New York for $93- being the value of the coins forwarded to the Mint Bureau from this Mint for assay during the Six months ended Dec 31. 1886. The amount agrees with that charged on our books against the Bureau of the Mint.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. H. Fox
Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Sept

March 1st

6208	Handy & Harman	29.464.78
6209	Fourth Natl Bank. N.Y.	7.766.44
6210	Jas. B. Colgate & Co.	7.642.02
6211	Zimmerman & Forshay	20.215.54

Respectfully

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

New York

[Eng. 4-28-85. 1000]

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Mach 1st

Zimmermann & Forbes

New York
Feb 26th

19.911.85
19.887.40
20.215.54

1.0165

March 1st 7

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 28th ult. advising me that the bills of this Mint of Dec 13th & 31st 1886 and of Jany 21st 1887, for the manufacture of Dies for the Mint at New Orleans, have been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement &c.

On reference to our books, we find a charge of $102.32 divided as follows: Labor $98.24. Material $4.08 forwarded to you Nov 11th 1886 which appears to have been passed over in your settlement. Please advise me what course said bill has taken.

Very Respectfully.

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

March 1st 7

Sir:

I enclose herewith samples for two Ledgers for use in the General Department of this Mint, each of which I have endeavored to describe fully, and would respectfully request that they be prepared for me and forwarded as soon as possible.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Office

March 1st

Sir.

I enclose herewith bill in Duplicate for $104.20/100 being the value of 10 pair Half Eagle dies prepared for and transmitted to the Mint U.S. at San Francisco in conformity with your letter of instruction dated July 23rd 1887.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Philadelphia,
February 28th 7

28th February 7

4,115,406.50

32,100,994.37

289,276.72

23,946.25

36,532,020.84

1: March 7

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit statement of silver purchased at this Mint from February 16th to Feby 28th 1887

Very respectfully
A. M. Clapp
Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1 March

Sir;

In compliance with your direction of the 23d. ult. I have this day forwarded to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco per Adams Express the following dies:

10 Half Eagle Obverses, 13 to 22 inclusive

10 " " Reverse, 13 to 22 "

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Superintendent

Hon James [illegible]

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

March 2nd 7

Sir;

I herewith transmit the Official Bonds of Henry S. Cochran Weigh Clerk and George Eckerich Warrant Clerk in this Mint, each in the sum of $10.000 — with the affidavit of ~~the~~ Sureties.

This is the only bond of the Weigh Clerk that has been forwarded to the Mint Bureau since my accession to office.

Very Respectfully
N. M. Fox
Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

March 2nd /

Sir:

The Director of the Mint has reduced the purchasing rate of Silver in lots of less than 10.000 ounces to 100 cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully

Supt

Mr. O. B. Jones;
Abstract Clerk.

2: March 7

Sir;

Having relation to the proposals for the various branches of work to be done in the transfer of Steam-plant and construction of new Engines and boilers, I have the honor to say that the stipulations for deposit of checks, certified, payable to the order of the honorable the Secretary of the Treasury, have been deposited with me. Of course, being certified by the Cashier of the bank, the check is charged up as against the account of the drawer of the check in each case.

One or two, have called asking

that their check should be returned to them. Of course, it would not be of value to return them, unless they were endorsed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

I write to obtain your instructions as to what disposition I shall make of the checks. In a case of rejected bids where checks are deposited, - is one matter of consideration. In the case of an accepted bid, where the check is deposited, - is another matter to be considered. When and how am I to dispose of these checks, or, is it the pleasure of the department that I shall retain them until the

contract is entered into?

Be good enough to advise

Yours very respectfully

A. M. Cox

Superintendent

Hon. James R. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

March 7

Sir;

I have the honor to report that I have this day forwarded per Adams Express to the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, the following dies - being up to date 4/5 of the order of 6th. Dec. - as follows :-

10 Obverse 1/2 Dollar, Nos. 41 to 50 inclusive
10 Reverse " " " 41 " 50 "

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 3rd /

Sir;

The Director has fixed the rate of Silver contained in gold deposits at 90¢ per ounce standard on and after this date.

Respectfully

W M Fox

Supt.

Mr. O. B. Jones
Abstract Clerk.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

March 3d, 1887.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No 6212, favor Hamby Harman, for $35.209. (49)
" 6213, " J.H. Seligman & Co., " $59.343. (83)
" 6214, " Clark, Dodge & Co " $14.990. (58)
" 6215, " Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y. " $4.614. (42)
" ____, " ____, " $____
" ____, " ____, " $____

in favor of Asst Treas Phila.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U.S.
New York

Ed. 7-28-1886

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES
AT
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

March 3? 1887

Handy Hannan

New York
Feb 18th 1887

125.988.30
125.849.10
1.0240
128.869.47

March 3d

Sir.

In further explanation of my letter of the 1st inst. requesting to be furnished with two Ledgers, I would state that the Bullion Ledger is to be of 400 distinct pages of two leaves opposed, each leaf paged as the book lies open; for instance, on the left hand page, No 1. on the right hand page No 2, and so on.

Ledger K. is to be a book of 300 pages or thereabouts, page No 1. being the entire reverse or both leaves of the Ledger. The left hand page No 1. being the Dr. side, and the right hand page, also No 1, being the Cr. side. The labels should be on the back of each Ledger, and nothing on the sides. The Department furnished Ledgers similar to these, the first one in the year 1880, and the second one in the year 1885. Hoping that these additional explanations will make it clear to you as to what

I send.

I am.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Jas. P. Kimball

Director of the Mint.

Washington D.C.

March 3d

Sir:

I enclose herewith bill in duplicate for $255.80 being the value of 10 pair Standard Silver Dollar Dies prepared for and forwarded to the Mint U.S. at New Orleans. La. as per your letter of instruction dated Dec 6th 1886.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

March 3d

7

2,839,354. 4446

3.7% 2 cents

168.726. 186

171.576.86.

231. 673

285.75

Jas. P. Kimball

366 1/2

3. March 7

Dear Sir

This is to inform you that your services in this Institution will not be required from and after this date.

Very respectfully.

D. Wilford

Superintendent

Mr George A. Frame

Rehired

SRLo

Bank of the United States of Philadelphia,

March 4th 7.

Pay

to the order of this day sixty

No. 6216 from Fourth Natl Bank. N.Y. $ 8.613.34

6217 Handy Harman $ 20.957.14

$

$

$

$

in payment for Silver Dollars

Your very respectfully

W McFox

Cashier

Assistant Cashier

Pro Tem

SRLo

Check 4th 7

Fourth National Bank

New York

Feby 15th 7

49.956.10
49.865.62
51.062.41

1.0240

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3. March 7

Sir,

George A. Frame, Machinist, in the General Department, having been removed, his name will be dropped from the rolls after this day.

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

4th March 7

Sir.

Herewith I enclose memo: No. 422, - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion, being remittance No. 4, received from your office on the 2nd. March, inst., as per letter of advice and memo: of the 28th. Febry, ultimo,

Respectfully
L. Walter
Superintendent

Robert S. Waring Esq.
Assayer in Chg. U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

4 March 7

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No. 422 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
L Whitford
Superintendent

James P Kimball
~~Robert P Kinzie Esq~~
Director & Assistant
~~Treasurer U.S. Assay Office~~
Washington
~~Charlotte~~
D C
~~N.C.~~

H. March 7

Sir

I have the honor to receive yours of the 2nd inst. returning the Mesquit bid and specifications for new bid, & saying "the proposals should be "cut down so as to include only the work "actually to be done.

"As an alternative from which course "a letter should be written by the Mesquit "specifically confirming the terms for "the work to be done, and accepting "the condition that his bid will not "apply to all the leads as printed in the form of proposal"

I have communicated with

Mr Mellon upon the subject and informed him that he must write me a letter accordingly which he has done under current date and in which he says if he is awarded the Contract for new boiler-room, engine-room, &c, he will furnish the materials and perform the works in strict accordance with the general and detailed plans of the specification. To be specific he holds himself in readiness to enter a Contract which contemplates the construction of work under head 1 Item B for the sum of $11.300; also head 3 Item B for the sum of $4625; and head 4 Item B for the sum of $4103.. making a

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total amounts for these specific items of $200.25

In addition to the above he will, if directed, furnish the materials and perform the work in strict accordance with the general specifications and with such instructions, as I, or my Engineers & Architects, may, from time to time, direct for excavation, under-pinning, &c. A copy of the specifications and a copy of his letter is here enclosed for your consideration and approval

Very respectfully

Wm. M. Boyd

Superintendent

Hon J. A. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Copy

Philadelphia March 4th 1877.

Hon. Daniel M Fox,
Supt United States Mint, Philada.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your questions, I respectfully answer as follows:

If I am awarded the contract for New Boiler Room, Engine Room etc. I will furnish the materials and perform the work in strict accordance with the general and detailed plans and specifications of Wilson Brothers & Co. herewith enclosed. My proposal dated the 24th day of February 1887, is based upon the presumption that any or all of the items mentioned in specified will be done without in any way vitiating the contract made upon the figures therein contained. I agree to all the conditions in the specifications, and would call your attention to the article on Alterations noted on page 14 of said specifications. To be specific, I hold myself in readiness to sign a contract which contemplates the construction of work under:-

Head 1—Item "B" for the sum of $ 11.300.00; also
Head 3—Item "B" for the sum of $ 4.625.00; also
Head 14—Item "B" for the sum of $ 4.100.00; making a total amount for these specific items of $ 20,025.00.

In addition to the above, I will if directed by the Superintendent of the Mint, furnish the materials and perform the following work in strict accordance with the general Specifications and with such instructions as you or your Engineers & Architects may from time to time direct, as follows:

Excavation below level of boiler house floor, for the sum of $2.50 per cubic yard.

Under pinning $9.00 per cubic yard.

Concrete $7.25 per cubic yard.

Hard brick laid in cement mortar $22.95 per thousand.

Also as per my letter of February 25th., I will, if required by you, face any old walls with white enameled brick at the rate of $105.00 per thousand measured in the wall.

Provide and set rubbed slate caps one and a half inches thick by six inches wide, at the rate of forty (40) cents per running foot, or

Plaster any walls or ceilings in two coats sand finish, floated, for the sum of sixty cents per square yard.

And I further agree to sign a contract contemplating a total expenditure of $21,000.00 in such way and in such manner

under the specifications upon which my bid was made, and should you have at your disposal any further sum for the work in question, I will be equally bound by the terms of said specifications and the prices herewith submitted.

I herewith send you a duplicate of my original proposal with the exception that the sum named for Item "C" under Head 4 has been corrected in accordance with my explanatory letter dated February 26th.

Respectfully Yours,
Chas McCaul

4. March 7

Sir

I observe by the newspapers that the Act of Congress generally known as the Trade Dollar bill has become active by operation of law and it so strikes quite a number of other people here, as I have been called upon this morning to know what steps are to be taken by them for the redemption of such of that character of coin as they may be in possession of.

It struck me that it would be promoting the efficiency of this

Department were furnished with a copy of the bill as passed, and also to learn how it effects this institution, as well in the reception or redemption of the coin as also in the melting and production of the standard dollar therefrom.

I will be thankful to you for any information you may find useful to communicate to me at your earliest convenience

Very respectfully

Jas. H. Ross

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

SRB

March 5th 7

b218.	Hendy Hannam	47.766.	19
b219	Mrs B. Rodgers Res.	14.665.	06
b220	Mark Lodge Res.	15.968.	86

Per Secretary present.

Chairman Finance Co. of
Mary Court

SRP

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 5th

Handy Harman

New York
Feb 26th

50.984.10
50.923.44
1.0165 51.763.67

SRLo

March 5th 1897

Jas. B. Colgate & Co

New York
Feb 23d

50.336.95
50.267.24
51.071.51

1.0160

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March 5th 7

February 28th 1887

$802.170.\frac{85}{100}$ with exception noted below. *

* Balance as per your Statement Feb 28th	* 802.170.85
" " " my Records " "	773.989.24
Difference accounted for by Check No. 6207	* 28.181.61
dated Feb 28th favor Jas. B. Colgate Res. for - - - - -	* 28.181.61

Supt U. S. Mint

LRL

March 5th 7

Sir;

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor, for the sum of One thousand (1.000-) Dollars, payable from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion, to meet the expenses, on that account, for the current month.

Very respectfully,
A. Hall Mint Dr
Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D.C.

March 5th 7

Sir:

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor, for the sum of Eighteen thousand (18.000) Dollars, payable from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollars, to aid in meeting the expenses of this Mint for the current month.

Very Respectfully,
Your Ob't Ser't
Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D.C.

March 5th 7

Sir,

Hereafter all orders issued by the Chief Clerk for supplies for the Coiners department, will be returned to the Chief Clerk's desk for permanent filing, after the bills are certified and approved.

Respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

W. S. Steel, Esq.
Coiner.

No. 5

March 5th 7

Sir:

I have the honor to forward you by to-days mail, my Ordinary, Refinery, Standard Silver Dollar Coinage & Standard Silver Dollar Storage accounts for the month of February 1877

I am

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7: March 7

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the oaths of office of

John S. Irwin recently appointed Roller, (Coiner)
Edward Lawrie " " Melter, (Melr.)
John Dougherty " " Laborer (General)
in this Mint

Very respectfully
A. M. Wyon
Superintendent

Hon James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

7: March 7

Sir

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 431, of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Mint at Denver, to be transferred to the Bullion fund of this Mint

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

7: March 7

Sir,

I have the honor to receive yours of the 4th inst, having reference to the payment of A. T. Jones on the payroll for December, the tenor of which leads to the impression that he was overpaid for 4 working days.

It may be that this impression arises from the use of the words "4 days absent", but you will observe that he is credited with 27 days and charged with 4 days (with 7/8 day extra) less, thus making for 23 days $69\frac{24}{}$, substantially paying him for but 23 days. These 23 days he had earned, and according to our light was entitled to.

If instead of the words "4 days

absent", we had stated, as was the fact, that he was removed on the 27th Dec. - thus entitling him to but 23 days - I suppose it would have been explained more in accordance with what you desire

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James T. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7: March 7

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo: No. 431, -in duplicate- of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 18, received from your office on the 7th: March, inst., as per letter of advice and memo. of the 28th: ulto.

Very respectfully

N. Wolk

Superintendent

George C. Munson Esq.
Assayer in Chg: M.M. Assay Office
Denver
Colo

H.A.

March 7th 7

Sir;

It would facilitate the transaction of business here, and relieve us from much irksome correspondence, if I could be favored with a supply of new "mutilation-coin-circulars, including gold as well as silver, with an announcement that mutilated nickel and copper or large coins are of no value and cannot be received. I would like to have at least 200 copies of such a circular as soon as they can be furnished, to correct popular misapprehensions on the subject.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. Jno. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

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6221	Joh. W. Seligmann & Co.	20.489. 25)
6222	Jos. B. Goldsch & Co.	17.411. 45)

March 7th 1887

J. W. Seligman & Co.

New York

March 1st 1887

Gross Weight, ozs. 78.704.90

Fine Weight, ozs. 78.575.87

Value @ 1.0160 per oz. fine, $ 79.833.08

Boise 7th

2.734.165 161

994 Local
69.674 "

288.178.232
277.933.14
1437.172
1441.28

Jas. R. Kimball

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

March 8th, 1887.

Sir,

I draw this day check

No.	6223	favor	Handy & Harman	for $ 22.648.61
"	6224	"	Blank, Wedge & Co.	" $ 19.316.22
"	6225	"	South Nat'l Bank N.Y.	" $ 17.258.86
"	6226	"	Wm. B. Dodge & Co.	" $ 28.163.97
"		"		" $
"		"		" $

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

N. Watts

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

[illegible] 85 [illegible]

March 8th 7-

Sir.

I enclose herewith Memorandum showing Tale Value and Gain by reimage on Silver Coin received from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York, per "T.O" 14154.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.

Director of the Mint

Washington.

D.C.

March 8th 1887

blank Bridge No.

New York

Feb 25th 1887

49.532.80

49.459.58

50.275.66

1.0165

March 8th

Jas. B. Edgar Esq.

New York

March 1st

50.910.10

50.822.14

1.0160 51.635.29

8. March 7

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made offinial:

We have strong counting force. If upon experience we find it necessary your suggestion will be considered

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon C. N. Jordan
Treasurer, United States
Washington
D.C.

P. March 7

Sir

I have the honor to enclose, for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, C/D. No. 6773 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City for $262.46 deposited on account of gain by recoinage of fractional Silver Coin

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James T. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

St. March 7

Sir;

The enclosed card from the Post Office in this City was taken to the office and receipted for by our messenger. As he could not get it, I enclose the card to you for your consideration and action

Respectfully
Wm McVay
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Phila March 7

Sir

Responsive to yours of 4th inst. I herewith submit several designs for dealing parcel containing Coin for the pyx of each Mint, accompanying which you will find copy of a letter from Mr. Charles E. Barber, our Engraver, saying he had prepared the sketches and that it was to be understood that the lettering would be the same in all cases, although not so appearing in the sketches.

They are submitted for your consideration and instruction,

Very respectfully
R. M. Patterson
Superintendent

Hon James R. Pumball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Copy

8th March 7

Sir;

In compliance with instructions I have prepared the enclosed Sketches for the proposed Seal for the Dyy of the several Mints. It will of course be understood that the lettering will be the same in all cases, although not so appearing in the Sketches.

Very respectfully
(Signed) Chas E. Barber
Engraver

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Superintendent

8 March 7

Sir;

By this days mail I have the honor to send you copies of advertisement, with proposal and specifications for new boiler-room, excavations, walls, iron-work, pavements, alterations, &c, to provide for the transfer of the steam-plant at the Mint of the United States in Philadelphia, the Contract and bond required in due form all of which are transmitted for your consideration and the approval of the Hon. the Secretary of the Treasury as required by Act of Congress relative to the steam-plant

The papers are drawn in accordance with those which at present you

are in possession of.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball

Auditor of the Treasury

Washington

D.C.

H

March 9th 7

Sir:

For the reasons stated in a communication received from Wilson Bros. & Co. the Engineers in charge of the pending improvements in the Mint, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, it is desirable to sell, without delay, a ten horse power Watson pumping Engine used to pump water from the artesian well, in the N.W. Corner of the Mint premises. I submit the same for your approval together with a form of advertisement, and await your early action on the matter.

Very Respectfully

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Wilson Brothers & Co.
Civil Engineers and Architects.
No 435 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia, Pa, March 8th 1887.

Hon Danl. M Fox,

Dear Sir. Before Mr McCaul can commence work on the Boiler room it will be necessary to remove the small engine now used to pump water from the artesian well. We know of no use that can be made of this engine and would advise you to sell and immediately remove it.

It should be advertized immediately and awarded to the highest bidder, enclosed please find form of advertisement — we have omitted the name of Maker of Pump which you can obtain from Mr. Saml James.

Mr McCaul has just left here with three copies of Contract and Bond, we have read one of them and find it identical with our "letter press" Copy.

We think it would be advisable, to advise the Director of the Mint that the Contract with McCaul has been drawn in accordance with the papers submitted to him and which he now has.

Respy,
Wilson Bro & Co.
J. D.

For Sale.

The Superintendent of the Mint in Philadelphia will sell to the highest bidder one Ten Horse Power Watson Pumping Engine and about four hundred (400) feet of four (4) inch pipe, located at the North west corner of the Mint Property.

The Engine and pipe to be removed within three days and payment to be made to the Superintendent of the Mint before removal.

Sealed bids, directed to the Superintendent of the Mint will be opened at noon March 15. 1887

The Superintendent of the Mint reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dan'l M Fox.
Superintendent.

March 9th 7

Sir.

I have this day received through your office the following remittance for minor coins for account of the parties named.

City Bank. Minneapolis Minn. $500.

I have also notified the parties interested

Very Respectfully

Supt.

To Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

9: March 7

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo: No. 1448, - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 15 received from your office on the 7th of March, as per letter of advice and memo: of the 28th ult.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

N. F. Wild Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office
Boise City
Idaho

9: March 7

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of James Duffy recently appointed Laborer in the General department of this Mint

Respectfully
Your Ob't Ser't
Superintendent

Hon: James A. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

9: March 7

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose memo: No. 448, of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

9: March 1

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the official bond of Harry A. Cheeper, recently appointed Assistant Coiner in this Mint

Very respectfully
Kasl M Fox
Superintendent

Hon James T. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Sub

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

March 10th, 1887.

Sir:

I draw this day check ... for the amount of the following deposits:

6227	from	Handy & Harman	$	29.492.37
6228	"	Mark. Lodge No.	$	28.029.29
6229	"	South Nat'l Bank, N.Y.	$	2.945.79
6230	"	Zimmerman & Forshay	$	26.230.81
			$	
			$	

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

W. Mc K.

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

(Ltr. 7-28-86. 1000)

Sheb

March 10th 7

Zimmerman & Forshay

New York
March 7

25.865.80

25.817.73

1.0160 26.230.81

Sick

March 10th

Handy Harman

New York

March 2?

99.724.55

99.632.45

101.226.57

1.0160

March 10th 7

Gentlemen,

Please let me have a proposal by 10 o'clock noon the 11th inst, to furnish me twelve (12) Cast Iron Moneds, per pattern, to be made immediately. I find our old moneds will not answer the purpose.

Respectfully
D. M. Fox.
Supt

Press, Morris, Tasker & Co
South Third St,
Philad.

10: March 1

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of John O'Neill recently appointed Laborer in the General Department of the Mint

Respectfully

W M Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jas P. Kimball

March 11th

b231	Handy + Harman	b.708.76
b232	Fourth Natl Bank. N.Y.	[illegible]

March 11th

Dir.

Please have my balance with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at New York increased, in order to enable me to make prompt returns for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
A. Heaton
Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Philadelphia
February 28th 7

28th

September 7

899.690.620 16.738.430.14
50.823.86 46.884.63

H. S. Cochran

Sir:

March 11th 7

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. relative to the receipt and disposition of the Trade Dollars, I have to state that your instructions will be complied with. But in order to settle a question over which there appears to be some doubt, I would be obliged to you if you will inform me by return mail whether it is your desire that these Trade Dollar pieces should be carried by the Cashier at their face value in a "Trade Dollar Account" and so entered upon his daily balance sheet, or shall they be treated at once as Bullion at the face value of the Coin? I would respectfully suggest the expediency of melting each one thousand Dollars received, into a single Bar, and having it stamped as directed. This would facilitate the checking of the Bars, if on hand at the A. and S. Settlement.

Very Respectfully,

Supt

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

March 11th 7

Sir;

I herewith transmit C/D of this date from the Asst. Treas. U. S. in this City, in my favor (No. 6774) for Eighteen 48/100 Dollars on account of old material sold. I also enclose account current of the Same.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D.C.

11: March 7

Sir

Herewith I enclose memo: No. 470 - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion being for remittance received from your office on the 9th inst., as per letter of advice and memo: of the 7th inst.

Very respectfully

W. M. Fox

Superintendent

Robert P. Warring Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

11. March 7

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: No. 471 -in duplicate- of Gold Bullion being for remittance received from your office on the 9th inst. and your letter of advice and memo: of the 7th inst.

Respectfully

Superintendent

W. J. Gillespie Esq
Acting Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office
Helena
Montana

11. Mch 7

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memos. 470 and 471, of Gold Bullion being for remittances received from the United States Assay Offices at Charlotte & Helena, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

SRH

Office of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

March 12th 1887.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No 6233	favor	Clark Dodge & Co	$ 24508.43
" 6234	"	Handy & Harman	" 26090.27
" 6235	"	Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y.	" 2927.84
			"
			"
			"
			"

in payment for Silver Dollars.

Respectfully

H C Kirkbride
Acting Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

(Rev. 3-26-83. 1000)

SRK

Mark 12th

blank, Dodge & Co.

New York

Mark 1st

51.773.80
51.710.35
1.0160 52.537.72

Acting

SRL

March 12th 7

Fourth Nat'l Bank

New York
March 1st 7

30.34 0.33
30.27 6.04
30.76 0.46

1.0160

W. Hunt
Acting

March 12th 7

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst relative to the difference of $50.- in Minor Coins transferred by the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New Orleans. The fact had already been reported to me by my Counter and it was my intention to write you thereof today. Will you kindly permit me to call your attention to the fact that in this remittance there was a quantity of Silver Coin which I was obliged to exchange for other Coin in order to make the account correct. Some time back in a Transfer of Minor Coins from the Asst Treasurer at Chicago, there was quite a large quantity of mutilated Silver Coin, which I was obliged to send to the Asst Treasurer with a letter to have exchanged. I would thank you to instruct the different Asst Treasurers to desist from sending Silver Coin in their remittances of Minor Coins, as it results in confusion and trouble in making up your accounts.

Very Respectfully.

Acting Supt

Hon L. M. Gordon.
Treasurer U.S. Washington D.C.

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March 12th 7

Asst. Treas. U. S.
New Orleans, La.

526. 22

7.94
50
11.81 495.
3.88
4.39
3.25
$11.81 $514.96

Thos. J. Gibson

14: March 7

Sir,

In the month of January last in an interview with a very distinguished clergyman of the Roman Catholic Church he made mention of the fact that at the Roman Mint under charge of the Catholic Church in the City of Rome there were a large number of bronze medals, commemorating some of the principal incidents commemorative of many important events that had occurred in the respective pontificates from the time of Martin V, A.D. 1417 Consecutively down to Pius IX, 1870, numbering in all perhaps 700 medals

which were very rare and would be a valuable acquisition to our cabinet, and that the fact of having a duplicate of such a character of medals would be of absorbing interest to a very large portion of the American population, and left with me a catalogue of the medals for my perusal.

Becoming thus interested in popularizing our exhibition of medals, which is already stated to be the best collection on this Continent, I was induced to write to the rector of the American College in Rome, Italy, upon the subject.

This morning I received an answer in which I find the way

offer to procuring a complete set of the medals, numbering in all 759 at an expense of 1025 francs, equal to about $205, exclusive of the packing and expenses of sending, which are extra charges. I look upon it as a very propitious opportunity to acquire a set of medals which would make an important acquisition to the large collection we already have, and be gratifying to many - very many who could learn of the fact & [illegible] portation.

I submit the subject to your consideration and instruction. As the [illegible] of giving authority for procuring the collection, & whether it should come from the [illegible] specified in Congressional [illegible] relation to the Mint Department of

$300 which has been already diminished to a balance of $213 12, hardly enough for the purpose in view; whether it should come from the ordinary resources of the institution; or from the medal fund, which would doubtless in a very short time afford for this purpose, I do not know but that the hope that there may be some particular fund which can be drawn upon to avail of this opportunity. Of course I abide by what conclusion you may come to.

Copies of the Correspondence accompany this letter from which you will see it was but an individual (correspondence) without in any way

committing myself or anybody else
I should be happy to have
an answer at your early convenience

Very respectfully
A. W. P.
Superintendent

Hon: James T. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Continued

Copy

25th January 1

My Dear and Reverend Sir,

I am the Superintendent and am in charge of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, in which we have a large Cabinet of Coins and Medals of various kinds, - perhaps the largest collection on the Continent, all of which are exposed to public view in Secure cases, and without counting the number of visitors, it is estimated that at least 90.000 persons, on the average, - not only of our own citizens but visitors from abroad, are attracted to the Institution, to view the objects of interest contained therein, in the course of the year.

My dear and reverend friend, Rev. Dr. Horstmann, has kindly furnished me with a Catalogue of the medals from Martin V, 1417 to Pius 9. 1870, struck at the Roman Mint, con-

memorating some of the principal incidents in their respective pontificates, and suggested to me that a collection thereof would be an important and exceedingly interesting addition to the Cabinet, and would be instructive to the great mass of people who flock here. He further suggested that were I to open correspondence with you, my dear Sir, I might probably be put in the way of obtaining such a collection.

Shall I kindly ask whether this can be accomplished and that you will also graciously apprise me what expenses, if any will be involved in the procurement.

Upon the receipt of your answer to this I will communicate with my superior Officers and make them acquainted with such facts as you may give me. I may say however that so far as expenditures are

concerned, I am extremely limited.

I feel assured that were I to succeed in accomplishing this purpose, it would be quite gratifying to the Government Officers.

I enclose this dear friends card with a note written on the back which will explain the matter.

With sentiments of the highest respect

I Subscribe myself

Yours obediently

Daniel M. Fox

Superintendent of the

United States Mint, Philada,

Pennsylvania.

Rev. Edward D. Neill

to American College,

via U. States Legation

Rome

Italy

(copy)

American College
Rome, Feby 25. 1887.

Mr. D. M. Fox,
Dear Sir;

Dr. O'Connell was absent from Rome at the time of arrival of your letter. Now that he has returned he commissioned me to attend to your letter. I went to the Roman Mint this morning and am happy to state you that the Medals from Martin V to the last struck in the Roman Mint of the reign of Pius IX, can be obtained. In all they number 759, and the price will not exceed 1025 francs. The packing & expenses of sending are extra charges. The Medals are in Bronze. Should you desire to obtain them, one line would be sufficient. With pleasure would I do all I can,

Very truly yours,
W. H. B. Devey.
Vice Rector

D. M. Fox.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

March 14th, 1887.

Sir.

I draw this day check—

6736	favor	M. Seligman Nes.	for $ 33.743.11
6737	"	Jas. B. Colgate Nes.	" 30.079.91
6738	"	Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y.	" 14.831.27

D M Fox

N. March 7

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Melter & Refiner's Statement, showing number of ounces of bullion operated on, with attendant expenses, in the Refinery, for December 1886,

Very respectfully
D. M. Ford
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

March 14th 7

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44457.01

Jas. P. Kimball

15. March 1

Sir;

I herewith return account of the Adams Express Company for transportation of mint coins for February 1887 amounting to $85.35 with the additional certificate as requested stating that the account charged was for transportation of mint coins only.

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

15. March 7

Sir

Herewith I enclose memo. No 471 - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion being for remittances No. 13 & 14, received from your office on the 9th inst, as per letter of advice and memo: of the 28th Febry - corrected -

Respectfully

Wm McFee

Superintendent

W. J. Gillespie Esq
Act Asst in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Helena
Montana

15. March 1

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit statements of:—
Gold & Silver of Domestic Production deposited;
Deposits and purchases of Bullion; and
Bars manufactured
for the month of February ult.

Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

15. March 7

Sir

I have the honor to enclose memo. of 4 7/1 oz of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, to be transferred to the bullion fund of this Mint - corrected -

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington

Bank of the United States at Philadelphia,

March 15th 1837.

Pay

Or order the sum of

No. 6239	pays	Handy & Harman.	for $	58.459.19
6240		Zimmermann & Lashay.	$	2.989.24
6241		Bank Mutual Banking Co. N.Y.	$	7.763.85

in payment for Silver Dollars

Pay on copy respectfully

Thos Cox

Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

New York

March 15th 7

Sir:

In reply to your (T) letter of the 14th inst. I would state that we have storage capacity left for about four million Standard Silver Dollars, even though no Drafts be made upon us for that coin, this being equivalent to say, two months of Coinage at a maximum amount of two million Dollars per month.

This also leaves us room for the storage of our daily output of Minor Coins.

Very Respectfully

W. H. Hahn

Supt

Hon L. M. Jordan.
Treasurer U.S.
Washington. D.C.

March 15th 7

Sir:

I herewith transmit C/D No. 6775 from the Asst. Treasurer U. S. in this City for $24— on a/c of old material Sold; and C/D. No. 6776. for $5 52 on the same a/c. I also enclose an account current of the Same.

Very respectfully,

D. M. Fox

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D. C.

March 16th 7

Sir;

I am directed by the Superintendent to notify you that we cannot receive Trade Dollars for several days yet. Please do not forward any until you get notice from Superintendent Fox.

Very respectfully,

[illegible]

Asst Treas

Hon. S. Davis Page
Asst Treas. U.S.
Philadelphia.

March 16th 7.

6242	Southfield Bank. N.Y.	50.732.08
6243	J.H. Seligman & Co	23.736.14
6244	Handy & Harman	8.828.09

I am very respectfully

Wm Hunter

Superintendent

Sir[illegible]

March 16th 7

Fourth Natl Bank. N. Y.

New York
March 11th 7

65.688.35
65.108.39
1.0070 65.564.15

Walter

Sir

March 16th 7

Sir.

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official - viz:

" Seligman has claim for their contract eleventh inst seventy thousand ounces, whereas you report purchase of seventy-five thousand. What shall I do.? "

Very Respectfully.

Your Obt

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.

Director of the Mint.

Washington. D.C.

c/Rb

March 1st 7

In prosecuting the removal of the Steam plant and developing for the accomodation, the space occupied by the three Wells or Sinks which now receive the drainings and washings from the Adjusting, Lining, and Rolling rooms, those wells will have to be abandoned. In order to provide a substitute, we shall have to sink one large well, and construct a new outlet and drain for the surface water. This will involve an expense for pipes, bricks, traps, liners, cement &c which it is hoped will not exceed one thousand Dollars ($1.000.=). Under existing Regulations and Instructions, I write for special authority to pay this expense from the Contingent Appropriation of this Mint for the current year. As it is important that this work should proceed without delay, so that no stoppage of our operations may occur, I would be obliged if you will telegraph me such authority on receipt of this letter. I might add that the appropriation for the removal of the Steam plant is already absorbed by existing Contracts so that even though it were broken to pay the expenses from that appropriation,

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it could not be done.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. P. Kimball.

Director of the Mint.

Washington. D. C.

SRK

March 15th 7

Referring to the correspondence between this Mint and Bureau touching the subject of discrepancies in the assays of Deposits and Purchases for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1886. I will thank you to return to this Bureau all the Statements forwarded in order that I may re-examine the figures entered for Lots weighed

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Supt

Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Copy

March 16th 7

Sir:

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor, for the sum of $1.500.= payable from the appropriations for the annual of the Steam plant, to enable me to meet expenditures on that account, under the Act approved Aug 4th 1886.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Svt
Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

March 1st

The U. S. Mint Philadelphia

March 15th

1857				
11	H. B. Aerison	111 40	#1.01	112 51
12	Do	67 89	"	68 07
13	Do	102 91	#1.00	102 91
14	Henry Auer	145 33	"	145 33
"	H B Aerison	97 51	"	97 51
"	Do	319 68	"	319 68
15	Do	270 35	"	270 35
"	Do	83 44	"	83 44
"	Do	142 94	"	142 94
"	Do	283 46	"	283 46
"	Wm H. Gee	114 92	"	114 92
"	H B Aerison	10 37	"	10 37
"	Wm H Gee	97 14	"	97 14
"	H B Aerison	77 99	"	77 99
"	Do.	720 19	"	720 19
16	L. W. Moshier Asst.	102 28	"	102 28
"	John Staats	128 89	"	128 89
17	H B Aerison	109 57	"	109 57
18	Do	178 18	"	178 18
"	Johnson & Gunn	124 11	"	124 11
"	H S Roberts Asst. Supt.	3355 75		3355 54

Supt. Mint

Superintendent

March 16. 7

Sir,

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 12th inst, returning voucher #105 in my ordinary account for the month of February 1897. I have to state in reply that I have numbered the items on the voucher, herewith returned, nos 1 to 12 inclusive, and make the following explanations.

Item - No. 1. was authorized by the Directors letter of September 27th 1886.

Item No. 1½. My bullion accounts have always been bound here under the selection and approval of the Director, in this case, in pursuance further of the authority, supposed to be conferred by

the Directors letter of May 7th 1886. which was itself a reply to a direct inquiry from me on this very point.

Item 2. Index books were needed for our Deposit books, and being an urgent necessity, I procured them accordingly.

Item 3. Cashier's blotter, a book that has always been made here, and never furnished by the Department, was needed as soon as it could be manufactured, or the Cashier would have been obliged to suspend operations.

Item 4. was a blank put into each bag of Minor coins shipped, to stop an angry clamor resulting from the shipment of 10 pieces for the accommodation of the Public, when we did

not have the 5 ¢ pieces to go with them, a copy is herewith enclosed.

Item 5. Was merely putting our supplies of orders on the Storekeeper into tablet form, for convenient use, and to prevent waste and destruction of loose sheets.

Item 6. Gold check book, on which the Abstract Clerk reports Gold deposits daily for the information of the Cashier, and on which the numbers of the Certificate, their amounts severally, and the date of payments are entered, it is an indispensable book to the payment of Deposits and has always been made here. it had to be made forthwith or suspend payments.

Item 7. Press copying books were

procured under previous general instructions from the acting Director, because those furnished by the Department were not fit for use, and a fresh supply as on a former occasion, had to be procured forthwith.

Item 8. was for manilla envelopes to put up 5¢ nickels in small amounts to pay out over the counter, as has always been the case, and they were needed forthwith.

Item 9. was authorized by the Director's letter of Decr. 31st. 1886.

Item 10. Four quire blank books were procured because they are never furnished by the Department, and the Asst has been notified again and again to procure them here.

Item 11. Medal circulars were required to meet the rush for information with regard to proof coins and medals at the beginning of the year, our previous supply being exhausted.

Item 12. Our registers of correspondence have always been procured here as needed, by authority of the Mint Bureau, as the Department has never furnished them.

It is proper to state that this voucher was covered as I supposed, by the "exigency" certificate over my official signature on the form, furnished by the Department, which accompanied my February account.

I have to add further that I was of the impression that your letter of

May 7th 1886, which was the outcome of of pretty full discussion of the general subject, in which I endeavored to secure definite instructions for my guidance, in reference to specific cases, some of which I embraced in the voucher now under consideration conferred upon me as the responsible Head of this Institution, in personal charge of its operations, and personally cognizant of every emergency which arises, some little latitude of discretion and judgment, in dealing with pressing necessities, that come up unexpectedly, and must be promptly met, to facilitate the smooth and efficient operations of the Mint, and I governed myself accordingly,

but now that the ambiguity in my instructions, being removed by the new regulations, I shall hereafter conform to them literally as furnished to me in print. which I trust will remove any embarrassment on your part in the future.

I must add further however, that in administering so large and complicated a manufacturing establishment as this, working under heavy pressure, with new lines of business frequently coming in, and new and fluctuating instructions, it has not been possible to anticipate for a whole year, all our needs in the way of books and blanks. Sometimes the increased work thrown upon the

Mint, uses them up faster than was expected, and we find ourselves short of supplies before the expiration of the year, and of course, as the Mint operations must go on, deficiencies must be supplied in some way, and we have not generally been very successful in getting them from the Department.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon Jas P Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

17: March 7

Sir;

The purchasing rate of silver has been reduced by the Director to "ninety nine and half cents per ounce fine"

Respectfully
W H Ld
Superintendent

O. B. Jones Esq
Abstract Clerk

17: March 7

Sir;

The purchasing rate of silver has been reduced by the Director to "ninety nine and a half cents for fine"

Respectfully
L. M. Fox
Superintendent

H. C. Cochrane Esq
Weigh Clerk

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 17th

Dear Sir

New York
March 8th

80.450.85
80.329.46
81.012.26

1.0085

March 17th 7

J. M. Seligman & Co.

New York

March 11th 7

	70.074.92
	69.935.78
1.0070	70.425.33

March 17th 1887.

6245	Handy & Harman.	34.822.	45
6246	J.W. Seligman & Co.	12.946.	00
6247	Zimmerman & Forshay	19.508.	77
6248	Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y.	5.757.	04

Superintendent

F. H. S

March 17th 7

2.856.436. 8th

576 Local.

55001.573
value $ 846.727.60
6346.1449
value $ 53:2.034

Jas. P. Kimball

17: March 7

Sir,

Herewith I enclose memo. No. 574 in duplicate - of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 19 received from your office on the 16th inst., as per letter of advice and memo: of the 12th inst.

Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

H. W. Tallant Esq.
Act'g Assayer in Chg: U.S. Mint
Denver
Colo.

17: March 7

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose memo: No. 574 of Gold Bullion, being remittance received from the United States Mint at Denver, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

16: March 7

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose Mems. No. 509 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Respectfully,

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

16. March 7

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo. No. 509 — in duplicate — of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 46, received from your office on the 14th inst. March 1887, as per letter of advice and memo: of the 12th inst.

Respectfully

D. H. Mc K

Superintendent

U.S. Assay Office

Chas. L. Jewett Esq
Assayer in Charge
St. Louis
Mo.

March 18?

6249 Handy v Harman 15.456. 81

6250 Zimmermann v Forshay. 10.569. 80

6251 Lawrence Nat'l Bank v. [illegible] 10.666. 61

18: March 7

Sir;

Responsive to your letter of the 17th inst asking that Mr Cobb will prepare a statement to be transmitted by me, of the facts which he one related to you as to the uses to which gold dollars are put, I have the honor to enclose with this a copy of a letter from Mr Cobb, under current date addressed to me, which gives an explanation which is elaborate and will probably be satisfactory

Very respectfully

Your Ob't Sv't

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Copy)

March 18th 7.

Sir;

In compliance with your request, based on letter of Director of the Mint dated Mar. 7th inst., I beg to submit certain reasons for the assumption that the demand for Gold Dollars is not, at this time, for the convenience of small exchanges in the course of ordinary business.

Since 1874, when upward of Three Hundred Thousand (300.000) gold dollars were coined to the order of the U.S. Assay Office, at New York City, there has been no demand for such coins for circulation.

The only demand for gold dollars since 1874 has been from Jewelers, who, on being interrogated, have said that they wanted them for necklaces, bangles, studs.

[illegible], to accomodate customers; from individuals, at various times, who have asked for the coin admittedly for Jewelry purposes, or for transmission to England to be made into Jewelry; from Coin collectors and Speculators whose demand has not been for circulation; and from a few persons here, at New York, as Boston, and at San Francisco, who have procured the coins for purposes connected with, and pertaining to Christmas and New Year.

I am not aware that any Bank, or Banker, has ever asked for Gold dollars for its exchanges within the last Sixteen years.

I have been frequently assured by persons engaged in the Jewelry business that Gold dollar bangles were largely made in New York and Boston for

for export to Japan, and possibly for China.

As there was no particular reason why the identity of these informants should be fixed in mind, I cannot give names; but if called on to testify I should be constrained to say that the assumption that gold dollars are demanded for such export is based "on common report".

Coin bangles command a ready sale at great profit in the East. Of this I have been often assured.

But that the demand is almost wholly for speculative purposes seems conclusively proved when I have the word of one speculator to the effect that of the seven thousand (7000) pieces struck in 1885 he secured more than one half. He did this through New York banks and

parties in Baltimore and Philadelphia, who ordered and received small parcels of the coin, not for circulation, but ostensibly for presentations, &c..

The demand at this counter is wholly for Jewelry and sentimental purposes. No applicant for years and years has ever pretended that he wanted the coin for the convenience of Exchanges.

Very Respectfully
M. H. Cobb
Cash.

Hon. David M. Fox,
Superintendent.

15. March 7

Sir

The exigencies of the public service compel me to make requisition on the Department for 4 Books of Receipts for Deposits of Gold Bullion of 1.000 receipts each, 4 on a page; and 3 Books of receipts for Silver Deposits of 1000 each, 4 on a page. It will be necessary for me to have one of the Gold Receipt books within the next 30 days

Very respectfully

Supt

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 19th 7

Sir;

The Director has reduced the purchasing rate of Silver to Ninety eight and a half cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully,
N M Fox
Superintendent.

Mr H. J. Cochran,
Weigh Clerk.

March 19th 1877

Sir,

The Director has reduced the purchasing rate of Silver to Ninety eight and a half cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully,
D M Fox
Superintendent

Mr O B Jones,
Abstract Clerk,

18: March 7

Sir;

In reply to your reference to this office on the 17th inst., of letter of A.W. Chadwick, Greensboro', Alabama, herewith returned — which encloses for inspection a "rubbing" of a Half dollar of 1859, — I have to state that there were 4 varieties of patterns for Half dollars, struck at this Mint in 1859, but none of them were adopted or approved. The rubbing is of one of those varieties. They are not very rare and bring at public sale from 75¢ to $1.00 a piece

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: J. L. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

16 March 1

Sir;

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Agent of the Benedict and Burnham Manufacturing Company under date of 16th inst stating that in connection with their contract with me as superintendent for furnishing 20000 pounds of 5 % nickel plancheks which contract is about closing out, with their mills they have between 2 and 3 thousand pounds of metal rolled over and above the Contract, and they ask me whether I will receive this excess at the price named in

the contract for the quantity above spoken of.

I respectfully submit the same for your consideration and instruction

Very respectfully

W. W. Mc Kee

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball

Director of the Blind

Washington

D. C.

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March 19th 7

6252	Fourth National Bank. N.Y.	8.503.38	
6253	Handy & Harman.	43.765.97	
6254	Zimmerman & Forshay.	43.759.	(48)

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March 19th 7

Sir,

Referring to my requisition of May 25th 6, for 4 Registers of Gold and Silver Deposits, and your reply of 1st inst, I herewith transmit in compliance with your request, sample leaves of each form of the books, with the number of pages of each required, together with the description as to binding, tagging and labeling.

Yours respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Mch 19th 7

Sir:

I will thank you to have forwarded to me, ~~for~~ copies of your minor coin circulars of September 1st 1886. My supply is exhausted.

Very Respectfully,
[illegible]
Supt.

To Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

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